

War Is Death... We Pray Again for Peace

Following is the text of an Angelus message given recently by Pope John Paul II.

On Feb. 25 of this year, in the framework of my visit to Japan, it was granted to me to go on pilgrimage to Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Precisely there — with the explosion of the first atomic bomb — the war which was then nearing its end left to humanity the grave warning of what could become a new war with the use of nuclear energy.



And so we refer the memory of that first of September (the anniversary of the outbreak of World War II), of 42 years past, which year by year grows more distant, but we also apply it with the thought always directed to the future of all nations and of the whole human family.

I repeat today with the same sorrowful concern the words that I spoke at Hiroshima: "War is destruction of human life. War is death... Hiroshima and Nagasaki are distinguished from all the other places and monuments as the first victims of nuclear war. I bow my head at the memory of thousands of men, women and children who lost their lives in one terrible moment, and those who for long years have borne in their bodies and minds the seeds of death... To recall the past is to commit ourselves to the future... From this city and from the event that its name recalls, there has been arising a new world consciousness against war and a renewed determination to work in favor of peace... To recall Hiroshima is to abhor nuclear war. To recall Hiroshima is to commit ourselves for peace."

Unfortunately, since that fatal day nuclear arms have increased in quantity and destructive power.

At this moment it is necessary yet again to emphasize vigorously the need to exert every effort aimed at securing peace. In Hiroshima I always invited all those in positions of responsibility to loyal and harmonious action: "Let us commit ourselves," I said, "for peace in justice; let us make a solemn decision, now, that war will never be tolerated and seen as a means for resolving our differences; let us promise our fellowmen that we will tirelessly do our utmost for disarmament and abolition of all nuclear weapons; let us replace violence and hatred with trust and concern."

This invitation I repeat today with all my strength, in the conviction that it will be heard. It is the whole world that is waiting. It is Christ himself who calls us, all of us, to be "peacemakers," so that the spirit of this beatitude may ever more permeate the life of peoples and international society.

The prayer for peace is never lessened by the lips of the Church. We repeat it in every Mass, first of all in the Communion rite; referring to the words of the Our Father which Jesus Christ taught us: "Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day."

We pray again for peace, which is a gift of God and

Series Will Feature Bishop Joseph Hogan

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will give a three-week lecture series from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Fridays, Sept. 26, Oct. 2 and Oct. 9, in the St. Charles Borromeo School Library, Dewey Avenue and Maiden Lane.

In the series, "Toward a Contemporary Theology of Church," the bishop will explore the changes in the Roman Catholic Church since the 1960s. He will examine such questions as "Are we doing enough to nourish the faith of our youth?" "Is there a difference between faith and religion?" "Is there a difference between faith and religion?"

There is no fee for this program and the public is welcome.

Other Adult Education

events will include: "The Spirituality of Thomas Merton" conducted by Father William Shannon from 7:30 to 9:30 on Wednesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Nov. 4, with a fee of \$20 or \$15 each for two in a family; "On Death and Dying" by Father Jim Schwartz from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., on Wednesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and Nov. 4; fee \$20; \$15 each for two in a family.

For further information about these and other programs, contact Pat Reholz, St. Charles Parish Education Committee, at 865-1482.

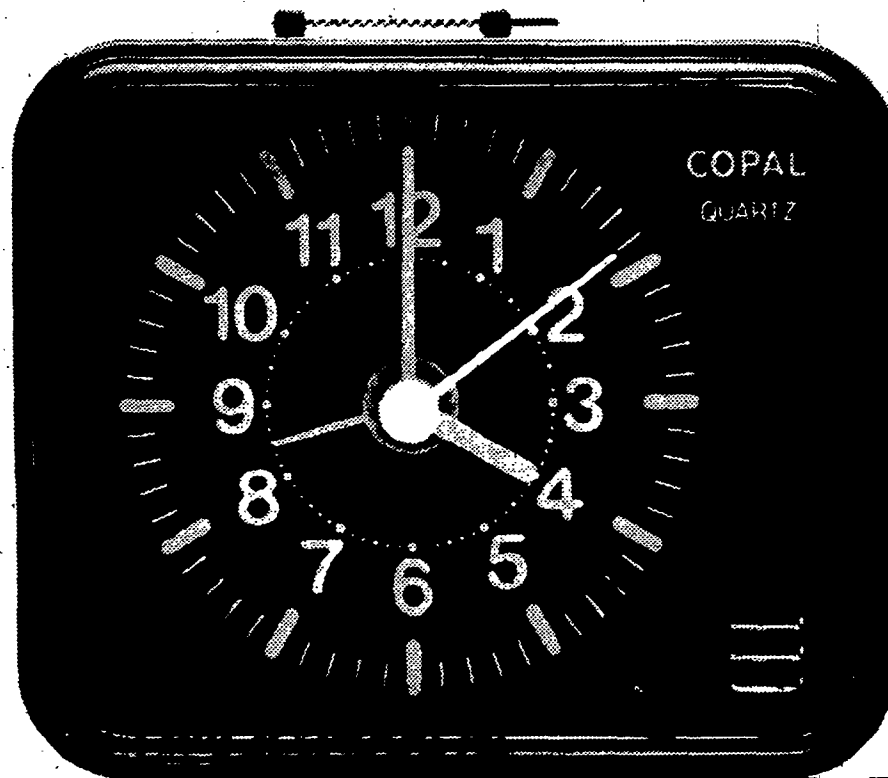
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at the same time a fruit of man's good will, when we Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: 'Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,' look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and grant us unity and peace...' We pray that the Church be also the refuge of peace for the world, for all people, for each person and for every society.

And, finally, a little before Communion, the priest says, "The peace of the Lord be with you always."

Today we wish to include this invocation with particular fervour in our Angelus, addressing it to the whole world, to all nations, and to all systems and ideologies, to all statesmen and heads of military forces: "Peace be with you!"



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