

**Viewpoint  
Sisters Reflect**



By Sister Mary Rene McNiff

**Paths  
Of Peace**

To describe a path of peace as I find it in my daily life, I need to re-define "path." Somehow, I think of "path" and "peace" as words that become companions on holidays. Usually I'm working and there are no woody paths in hospitals. My daily route covers cement and terrazzo and vinyl tile with an occasional carpet in between. On these ordinary days, the words "path" and "peace" seem bound together by alliteration only.

It is not that I have anything against going for walks down paths. I love paths, ways that lead off turnpikes, off back roads, through woods, along streams, paths held by silences punctuated only by the hum of bees, the cry of a bird in flight, the gentle voice of a friend. From these memories, I fabricate other thoughts. I especially enjoy paths that lead deep where darkness accentuates the white clouds overhead, clouds moving slowly, singly, jointly, coalescing into a total beauty like the people of God in balance in the universe.

Peace, in my life, is a by-product of that balance. Peace can be wished for another, but it cannot be given by another unless that other be God. "In his will is our peace" is not an adage. It is a pivotal decision. The pivot itself is never static; it is a moving center, juggled by the divergent pulls and tensions of everyday living. And yet, in the heart of it, like the eye of a storm, is a quiet calm.

Creating balance by oneself, alone, can be a stressful hassle; but, using the approach Jesus gave us, it becomes an exciting challenge. I find myself gravitating toward the challengers. They help me help others by their enthusiastic responses. However, there are limitations even to this kind of outside assistance. Ultimately, each of us must measure our own weight and find a way to balance it in the atmosphere of the ever-changing world around us.

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**Adoration**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated starting at noon Thursday, July 7 at Blessed Sacrament Church. Rosary will be recited at 12:15 p.m. and benediction celebrated at 5 p.m., preceding the regular 5:20 p.m. Mass. The month's intention is "Preservation of moral values in our country."

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**MX Ups Arms Race Ante**

By John Dash

The deployment of the MX missile is "putting a hair trigger across the nuclear button," Wayne Jaquith asserted.

Jaquith, executive director of the national Lawyer's Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control, spoke in Rochester last week, one stop on an trip across the country visiting LANAC chapters.

The organization has grown from less than a handful of lawyers to more than 3,800 in the past two years, Jaquith said in an interview.

A Rochester chapter was founded late last year and has since held a number of public educational programs, on the subject of nuclear arms and testified at Bishop Clark's hearing on the U.S. bishop's pastoral letter on war and peace.

Jaquith marshals an impressive array of data to bolster his arguments that no further research or deployment of nuclear weaponry is necessary in the arms race, and to demonstrate that the MX missile is a dangerous escalation of that race.

The end result, he said, is that the MX has "a combination of the highest destructive power and accuracy. Now you don't need that kind of destructive accuracy for deterrence."

Deterrence has been the major argument for development and deployment of the MX.

Jaquith also rejects arguments that the MX is necessary to "close the so-called window of vulnerability," that the Soviets can, by the end of the 80s knock out all U.S. land-based nuclear missiles.

That argument, he said, "ignores that only 22 percent (of the U.S. nuclear arsenal) is on ICBMS, that 28 percent is on bombers, and 56 percent is on invulnerable submarines."

LANAC, he said, is trying "to educate lawyers about the problems of the nuclear arms race, and the alternatives in negotiation and law."

"That's important," he said. "The legal profession has not become a part of the public debate on nuclear weapons, as the Catholic Church has.

"And we're trying to educate the general public about the possibility of nuclear arms control. We're trying to move to a discussion of solutions. There is a whole history of arms control and a whole history of agreements on the question and in most cases those agreements have been abided by and they have worked."

He pointed particularly to the old anti-ballistic missile

treaty as an example.

Lawyers, he said, are particularly able to sort out the conflicts in negotiations.

"There is a real asymmetry in our arms negotiations. A lot of what happens is a discussion of apples and oranges; and the end result is some kind of fruit salad."

Lawyers also have "to make people realize they're only getting one side of a very complex picture," he said.

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