



OUR RESPONSE

DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE	SPONSOR	AUDIENCE	CONTACT PERSON
October 6	Presentation on Oct. 22 Peace Rally	8:30 P.M.	Sacred Heart 90 Melrose St. Auburn, N.Y. 13021	Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry	Parish Council	Rev. Wm. Spilly (315) 789-2686
7	Praying of the Rosary and Mass	7 p.m.	Park and St. Mary 15 Clark St., Auburn	All Roman Catholic Churches of Auburn	All	Joseph Catanise (315) 252-9545
12	The Church and Peacemaking <i>Presenter — Jim Lund</i>	7:30-9:30 a.m.	Colgate Rochester Divinity School 1100 S. Goodman St.	Colgate Rochester Divinity Crozier Theological Seminary	Open to all (for course — \$20, if more than 2 — \$15)	G.E.M. Office (716) 232-6530
13	Community Forum	7:15-10 p.m.	St. Mary's Church Hall 15 Clark St., Auburn	St. Bernard's Institute Genesee Ecumenical Ministries	Open to public	Ms. Maribeth Mancini (716) 328-3210
13	Presentation on Oct. 22 Peace Rally & Pastoral	7:30 p.m.	St. Alphonsus 95 E. Genesee St. Auburn	Office of Religious Education Continuing Education	Parish Council	Rev. William Spilly (315) 789-2686
17	Presentation on Oct. 22 Peace Rally	7:30 P.M.	St. Theresa Main St. Stanley, N.Y. 14561	Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry	Open Parish Forum	Rev. Wm. Spilly (315) 789-2686

Reject MX Missile, 14 Bishops Urge

Washington (NC) -- Fourteen U.S. bishops have urged defeat of the MX missile, saying its production and deployment would be an unwelcome escalation of the arms race.

In a statement issued Sept. 20 the 14 bishops said that rather than contributing to arms control the MX would be "counterproductive in our search for a truly secure future for our nation and the world."

They also said that the "heinous" Soviet attack on a Korean jetliner does not change the fact that additional weapons have not produced peace.

"The need of the moment is for the United States and the Soviet Union to take bold and dramatic steps to reduce the arms race, quantitatively and qualitatively," the 14 bishops said.

"Such steps," the statement added, "have been made even more difficult by the Soviet action shooting down the Korean airliner -- a direct assault on innocent human life."

"But even this heinous act does not change the fact that the argument we have heard for years, that one more weapon, one more system will make us more secure and will help control the arms race, has not produced results," they said.

The statement came amid a

continuing debate over construction of the MX missile. Congress completed action Sept. 15 on a \$187.5 billion defense authorization bill for 1984 that included approval of the MX. But key votes still remained on actual funding of MX production and deployment.

The statement by the 14 bishops, based in part on the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on war and peace approved earlier this year, recommended that Congress and the administration reverse the steps already taken toward deployment of the MX. It also urged "other citizens and interested groups to resist the claim that the MX will contribute to arms control."

President Reagan has urged congressional approval of the MX as a means of convincing the Soviets to negotiate arms reductions

seriously.

The statement by the 14 bishops also said reversal of the arms race must come through "a series of concrete, explicit decisions." Those decisions must include avoidance of "steps which are either deliberately provocative or have unintended side effects."

The bishops' statement added, "We are aware that some believe the MX is necessary, because of steps the Soviet Union has taken which are threatening to U.S. land-based missiles."

It continued, "One can acknowledge these serious Soviet errors and still affirm, as we do here, that the United States will compound a bad situation by building the MX missile."

The 14 bishops who signed the statement are:

Archbishop William D. Borders of Baltimore; Archbishop James V. Casey of Denver; Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly of Louisville, Ky.; Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco; Bishop Elden F. Curtiss of Helena, Mont.; Auxiliary Bishop George R. Evans of Denver; Bishop Joseph Hart of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Auxiliary Bishop Richard C. Hanifen of Denver; Bishop Lawrence J. McNamara of Grand Island, Neb.; Bishop Roger M. Mahony of Stockton, Calif.; Auxiliary Bishop P. Francis Murphy of Baltimore; Bishop Thomas J. Murphy of Great Falls-Billings, Mont.; Bishop Arthur N. Tafaya of Pueblo, Colo.; and Bishop William K. Weigand of Salt Lake City.

'Letter Not Open To Partisan Usage'

Washington (NC) -- The U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on war and peace is "not open to partisan usage," the general secretary of the bishops said in response to support for the pastoral expressed by a Democratic Party leader.

Msgr. Daniel F. Hoyer, general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, made the remark in a statement issued Sept. 22, two days after the chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Charles T. Manatt, had indicated general support for the pastoral in a speech at Jesuit-run Georgetown University in Washington.

In his statement Msgr. Hoyer said both Manatt and

President Reagan had welcomed the letter "as a contribution to the policy process in the United States."

But his remarks went on to re-emphasize an earlier statement by the bishops' conference which criticized efforts by the Reagan administration last spring to welcome changes that had been made in the pastoral's third draft.

Though a major purpose of the pastoral was to help shape the public debate on the morality of modern warfare, Msgr. Hoyer said, "the principles articulated and the policy judgments made in the pastoral letter go beyond the position taken by either of the major parties."

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OCTOBER 3rd thru 7th at 7:30 P.M.
GUEST SPEAKERS
Oct. 3 — Sr. Jean Marie Kierst Superior Gen., Sisters of Mercy
Oct. 4 — Sr. Claire Brown, SSJ
Oct. 5 — To be announced
Oct. 6 — Rev. Edward Zimmer Cayuga-Seneca Regional Coordinator
Oct. 7 — Rev. William Spilly
Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry
Closing Ceremonies will be conducted by
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In Case of Rain: The Rosary will be prayed in St. Mary's Church, Clark St., 7:30 p.m.

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