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Pacem In Terris

Peace and Freedom Award



Davenport Catholic Interracial Council

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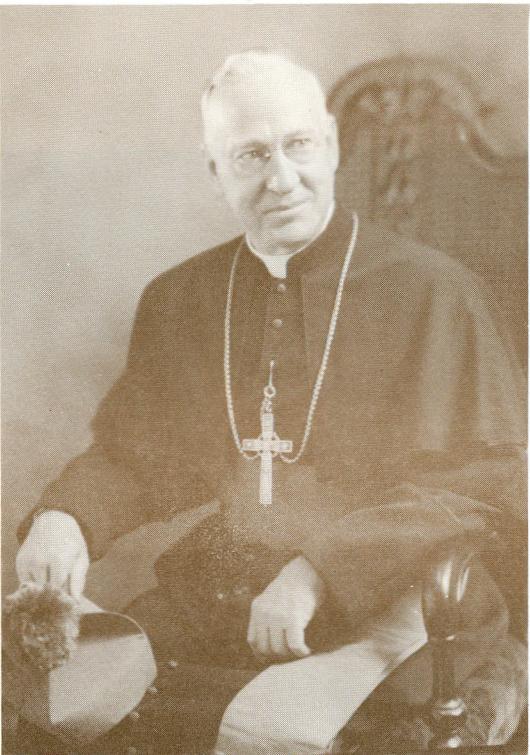


THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Recipient of the 1965 Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award

"We will match your capacity to inflict suffering by our capacity to endure suffering . . . But be ye assured that we will wear you down by our capacity to suffer. One day we shall win freedom, but not only for ourselves. We shall so appeal to your heart and conscience that we shall win you."

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



MOST REV. RALPH L. HAYES, D.D.

Bishop of Davenport

"Racial discrimination is un-Christian; it is a violation of the natural law; it is contrary to the spirit and law of our country. To put it bluntly, to deny another person the exercise of his God-given rights because of race or color is a sin . . . I urge Catholics to support and to become involved in the cause of civil rights in this diocese, and especially to work for justice and equal opportunity in employment and housing."

—Most Rev. Ralph L. Hayes, D.D.,
Bishop of Davenport

The Pacem In Terris Peace and Freedom Award

By establishing the Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award, the Davenport Catholic Interracial Council intends to commemorate one of the most notable events in the modern history of Christianity — the publication of the encyclical *Pacem in Terris*. Further, we intend to honor the person of Pope John XXIII, a man who for a brief time was truly the leader of all men of good will, Protestant, Catholic, Jew, and non-believer. Finally, we intend that this award proclaim the inseparable connection between freedom, equality, and peace in the lives of all people.

We do not want to forget what Pope John XXIII has meant to all of us who are genuinely concerned that each man realize himself and his dignity fully, no matter what his race, creed, color, or national origin may be.

Dr. Martin Luther King has exemplified the principles of peace, freedom, and human dignity found in the encyclical *Pacem in Terris*. Through his teaching and practice of the principles of non-violence, Dr. King has perhaps done more than any other living American to make the world aware of Pope John's admonition that "he who possesses certain rights has likewise the duty to claim those rights as marks of his dignity, while all others have the obligation to acknowledge those rights and respect them."

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We are confronted primarily with a moral issue. It is as old as the scriptures and is as clear as the American Constitution.

The heart of the question is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights and equal opportunities, whether we are going to treat our fellow Americans as we want to be treated. If an American, because his skin is dark, cannot eat lunch in a restaurant open to the public, if he cannot send his children to the best public schools available, if he cannot vote for the public officials who represent him, if, in short, he cannot enjoy the full and free life which all of us want, then who among us would be content to have the color of his skin changed and stand in his place? Who among us would then be content with the counsels of patience and delay?

—John F. Kennedy

"Racial discrimination can in no way be justified . . . Thus, he who possesses certain rights has likewise the duty to claim those rights as marks of his dignity, while all others have the obligation to acknowledge those rights and respect them." Pope John XXIII in *Pacem in Terris*.

"Racism — discrimination based on skin color — has grown strong, hard, and bitter throughout the length and breadth of America. Racists who claim to be anti-Communists are doing the Communists' work magnificently well by showing the world our racist abuses and thereby turning the world from us in disgust."

—John Howard Griffin

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 —To Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by Charles W.
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BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

WE SHALL OVERCOME

BENEDICTION Rabbi Herbert Weinberg
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AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain.
America, America, God shed His grace on thee, and crowned thy good
with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim's feet, whose stern impassioned stress,
A thoroughfare for freedom beat, across the wilderness.
America, America, God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in
self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved, in liberating strife.
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life.
America, America, may God thy gold refine, till all success be
nobleness, and every grain devine.

O beautiful for patriot's dream, that sees beyond the years.
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.
America, America, God shed His grace on thee
And crowned thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

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BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord. He is trampling
out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored. He has loosed
the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword. His truth is marching
on.

REFRAIN:

Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory
hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps. They
have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps. I can read
His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps. His day is
marching on.

REFRAIN:

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel. As ye deal
with my contemners, so with you my grace shall deal. Let the Hero
born of woman crush the serpent with His feet, since God is marching
on.

REFRAIN:

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat. He is
sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat. O, be swift,
my soul to answer Him, be jubilant my feet. Our God is marching on.

REFRAIN:

WE SHALL OVERCOME

1. We Shall Overcome, We
Shall Overcome
We Shall Overcome some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do
believe
We Shall Overcome some day.
 2. Truth will make us free, truth
will make us free
Truth will make us free
some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do
believe
Truth will make us free
some day.
 3. We are not afraid, we are
not afraid
We are not afraid today
Oh, deep in my heart I do
believe
We are not afraid today.
 4. The Lord will see us through,
The Lord will see us through,
The Lord will see us through
some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do
believe
The Lord will see us through
some day.
 5. We'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand
some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do
believe
We'll walk hand in hand
some day.
 6. Black and white together,
Black and white together,
Black and white together
some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do
believe
Black and white together
some day.
- REPRISE: We Shall Overcome, We Shall Overcome
We Shall Overcome some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We Shall Overcome Some Day.

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