

SHOL Pax Christi Newton Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Attendees: Sioux M, Ann C.

1. Opening Prayer (Sioux)

Peace, in fact, is not a theory to be tested in a laboratory, nor a naïve illusion, nor a matter to be pursued out of self-interest. When sought with a sincere heart, it is rather a daily commitment: it springs from justice and love, as harmony that unites persons, families, communities and peoples. Even in this time marked by tension and conflict, peace becomes possible when we choose to listen to the cry of those deprived of it: innocent children, anguished mothers and fathers, abused prisoners, refugees and people of every age who suffer. All of them have but one word upon their lips: peace!

...our prayer becomes mission and prophecy. The cry of the innocent must no longer be heard in our cities. No one should have to flee from his own home because of the threat of bombs. The desire for power and the violence of words must give way to the thirst for justice and truth. Yet everyone can and must do his or her part, beginning with small but important things, abstaining from every form of verbal or physical violence in daily life and also on social media.

Dear brothers and sisters, true peace begins in a heart that loves. It is witnessed to by lips that speak words of reconciliation. It is reflected in eyes that look upon the world with gentleness and wisdom. This is true strength, the strength of truth and love.

God seeks peacemakers! May our Blessed Mother help us to answer him each day with our own "Here I am," not only in words but in deeds.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pope Leo Rosary 053026

<https://www.ncregister.com/cna/pope-leo-prays-for-peace-at-end-of-marian-month>

2. Night of Prayer for Peace (Sioux)

Last one was held at OL on Friday, May 22nd - there were about 24 people there. Wonderful participation from the OL choir. The Youth Group had about 6 kids come to pray with us. Powerful reflections from Pope Leo and a reflection on artwork by Banksy.

*Next one is Friday night, **June 26th** on Zoom at 7 PM. I mistakenly put July 17th on the worship aid for the July NofPforP, but that is during the Festa, so I want to encourage people to go pray with the folks at Fests, and we can have our Nof P for P the following week, **July 24th** in person at Sacred Heart.*

**In August, we will pray an online novena for nuclear abolition*

3. PCAN Faith Leaders Summit (Ann) The 1st one was an intro, the 2nd had Claire Schaffer Duffy, who did a wonderful job, and Maria the youth leader, and also a Marine. The focus was on education, education and education!!!! PCAN wants to bring the message into the colleges, Ira had spoken at BC - the most important is to START the conversation. Connect abolition to other things like the environment or food insecurity. An international person and talked about hooking the issue to things people are already involved in. The 3rd was Archbishop Wester!

The 4th and last is Sunday night, June 14

4. RJM (Peg) RJM hosted Eric Turner in May who spoke on education.

5. General Discussion: The conditions in ICE detention centers are not getting better. We keep dropping bombs on Iran. General disgust with Pete Hegseth's "If we need to negotiate with bombs then we'll negotiate with bombs." Grrrr.

*Next meeting: **Wednesday, July 8th at 7 PM** -- I would LOVE to have this one in person, maybe outside or over dinner? I will email this to the group to see if people are around and interested*