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Colombia: Encuentro de Construcción de paz, April 22-23, 2010

The National Secretariat of Pastoral Social Ministry/ Caritas Colombia (SNPS/Caritas Colombia) is hosting its national gathering on building peace in Bogota, Colombia, April 22-23, 2010. SNPS/Caritas Colombia has also just issued its annual report for 2009, which outlines the wide range of peacebuilding activities in which it has been engaged over the past year. For more information on the Encuentro and the annual report: <http://www.pastoralsocialcolombia.org.co/index.shtml>.

Ending Wars Well: Just War Theory and Conflict's End, Berkley Center, April 22, Washington, DC

This conference, sponsored by Georgetown's Berkley Center, will look at how Just War theory can be applied to war's end (*jus post bellum*). Jean Bethke Elshtain, Michael Walzer, James Turner Johnson, George Lucas, and John Langan are featured speakers. For more information: <http://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/events/ending-wars-well-just-war-theory-and-conflicts-end>.

Engaging the Military in Peacebuilding in Mindanao by Myla Leguro

Myla Leguro of Catholic Relief Services in the Philippines writes about how civilian peacebuilders in the southern Philippines are strategically engaging the military as an important stakeholder in the peace process. Her article and other articles on civilian-military relations are found in Notre Dame Kroc Institute's on-line publication, *Peace Policy*: <http://peacepolicy.nd.edu>.

Philippine Bishop Presses for Martial Law in Basilan

A Roman Catholic bishop is calling on President Gloria Arroyo to suspend some civil liberties and impose martial law in Basilan province, Philippines to arrest the rash of lawlessness. Isabela Bishop Martin S. Jumoad is responding to the bombings of a Catholic Cathedral, a school and three other places. For more on his statement: <http://www.cbcnews.com/?q=node/12934>.

College Seminar on Catholic Social Teaching, Holy See (UN), May 23-28

The Fifth Annual Catholic Social Teaching Seminar for college students, entitled "FREEDOM, TRUTH AND CHARITY: PROMOTING HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AS A VOCATION" will be sponsored by the Holy See Mission to the United Nations in New York from May 23-28, 2010. The meeting exposes 50 college students to the social teachings of the Church and its role at the United Nations. Cost for week: \$500 per student; scholarships available. For more information: http://www.thepathtopeacefoundation.org/news_2010seminar.html.

The Ethics of the Obama Administration's Nuclear Weapons Policy: Catholic Perspectives, Panel Discussion, April 26

The Catholic Church has long offered a prominent voice on the ethics of U.S. nuclear weapons policy, calling for deep reductions in nuclear arsenals and the need to move toward a world free of nuclear weapons. The panel discussion is Monday, April 26, 2010, from 4-6 pm in McGivney Hall Auditorium at Catholic University, co-sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic University's Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies. For more information: <http://ipr.cua.edu/events/symp-obama-nuclear.cfm>.

Together with Africa: Celebrating Hope-Updates and Resources from the Africa Synod

Maryknoll has initiated a helpful set of links that highlight key themes of the Africa Synod document and initiatives that correspond to these themes. For the arms trade, see: <http://maryknollogc.org/regional/africa/together%20with%20africa%20celebrating%20hope.html>.

Survey of Sub-Saharan Africans on Christianity and Islam

A New Pew-Templeton survey of 19 African nations finds signs of tolerance and tensions between the faiths. The report finds that on several measures Christians and Muslims in sub-Saharan Africa hold favorable views of each other, and in most countries, relatively few see evidence of widespread anti-Muslim or anti-Christian hostility in their country. For the full report of the findings, see: <http://pewforum.org/docs/?DocID=515>.

The Catholic Peacebuilding Network (CPN) is a voluntary network of practitioners, academics, clergy and laity from around the world which seeks to enhance the study and practice of Catholic peacebuilding, especially at the local level. The CPN aims to deepen bonds of solidarity among Catholic peacebuilders, share and analyze "best practices," expand the peacebuilding capacity of the Church in areas of conflict, and encourage the further development of a theology of a just peace. While it is a Catholic network, the CPN believes that authentic and effective Catholic peacebuilding involves dialogue and

collaboration with those of other religious traditions and all those committed to building a more just and peaceful world.

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