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Web Cast: Peace in the Holy Land - New Possibilities—May 26

Join Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for an online Catholics Confront Global Poverty discussion on *Peace in the Holy Land: New Possibilities*. It will explore the prospect for Holy Land peace in the current political context and how Catholics in the United States can make a difference. It will be on May 26, 2010, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. RSVP here http://actioncenter.crs.org/site/Survey?ACTION_REQUIRED=URI ACTION_USER_REQUIREMENTS&SURVEY_ID=3280; send questions to Brendan Cavanagh at bcavanag@crs.org or call 443-955-7118.

Critical Time for Peace in Sudan

This is a critical time for peace in southern Sudan as the 2005 peace agreement enters its final year of implementation. National elections were held in April and southerners will vote in a referendum on independence from Sudan next January. This past March, the Sudanese Church Leaders Forum brought together more than 60 leaders from Sudan's Christian churches under the umbrella of the Sudan Council of Churches to promote a unified vision for peace (<http://crs-blog.org/sudanese-church-commits-to-promoting-peace-in-sudan/>). The Sudan Catholic Bishops Regional Conference is playing a prominent role in peacebuilding (<http://scbrc.net/index.htm>), with the support of various Catholic aid agencies, including Catholic Relief Services, which has announced a \$4 million peacebuilding initiative

(<http://www.crs.org/sudan/push-for-peace/>). For general information on political developments in Sudan, go to the Human Security Gateway: <http://hsrgroup.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=007978c2cd75cee2d124df60f&id=10a7daf15f&e=3bc5416e6b>.

Conference on Making Peace: The Community of Sant' Egidio in International Scenarios

A report about the conference and presentation of the book *Making Peace. The Community of Sant' Egidio in International Scenarios*, published by Leonardo International, is available at: <http://www.santegidio.org/index.php?pageID=3&id=3453&idLng=1064&res=1>.

Driven from Home: Protecting the Rights of Forced Migrants by David Hollenbach

A book edited by David Hollenbach, *Driven from Home: Protecting the Rights of Forced Migrants*, has been published by Georgetown University Press. It advances the discussion on how best to protect and assist the growing number of persons who have been forced from their homes and proposes a human rights framework to guide political and policy responses to forced migration. Information on ordering the book is available at: <http://www.press.georgetown.edu/detail.html?session=ccc0c7284896470e4e1e50016803b40d&id=9781589016460>.

Need for Improved U.S. Engagement with Religion

How should the United States improve its engagement with religious communities around the world, which exercise extraordinary influence on every aspect of life, including government, education, health care, business, and culture? The University of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute's online journal, *Peace Policy*, offers perspectives on this question by Scott Appleby, Atalia Omer, and Emad El-Din Shahin. <http://kroc.nd.edu/newsevents/news/us-and-religious->

Women PeaceMakers Program and Peace Writers, The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, Univ. of San Diego

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ) at the University of San Diego is currently accepting applications for its Women PeaceMakers Program (WPM). The WPM program is designed for leaders from conflict-affected countries around the world who are transforming conflict and assuring gender-inclusion in post conflict recovery through in human rights advocacy and peace building efforts they lead. Women PeaceMaker application **deadline: June 1, 2010**. For more information: <http://peace.sandiego.edu>. Four Peace Writers are selected each year to document the stories of Women PeaceMakers for publication. Application **deadline: June 15, 2010**. For more information: <http://peaceandiego.edu>.

U.S. Bishops and Nuclear Disarmament

In a recent article in *America* magazine, Steve Colecchi summarizes a range of initiatives taken by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in support of more urgent steps toward a global ban on nuclear weapons. For the full article, which links to numerous Catholic resources on nuclear disarmament, go to: http://www.americamagazine.org/content/article.cfm?article_id=12299&o=36897.

Consultation on Women, Religion, and Peace, July 2010, Georgetown's Berkley Center

In partnership with the United States Institute of Peace and Georgetown University's Berkley Center, the World Faiths Development Dialogue has embarked on an investigation of the intersection of women, religion, conflict, and peace. A

symposium for practitioners, academics, and policymakers will be held in Washington DC in July 2010. A first set of interviews and symposium information go to:

<http://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/projects/women-religion-and-peace-experience-perspectives-and-policy-implications>

Second International Summit on Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding, October 17-19, Emory University

The Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding initiative of Emory University seeks submissions of presentations for the Second International Summit on Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding, to be held at Emory University, October 17-19, 2010. The due date for submissions is June 30, 2010. Questions regarding submissions should be directed to: Edward Queen, Ph.D., J.D. at equeen@emory.edu or Laurie Patton at lpatton@emory.edu. For additional information regarding the Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding Initiative go to: www.emory.edu/RCP

Assistant Program Director: Religion and Conflict Resolution

Tanenbaum, a secular, non-sectarian organization that supports religious peacemakers based in New York City, seeks to hire an assistant program director for its religion and conflict resolution program. For more information go to <http://shar.es/m69Ah>.

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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