

## Syllabus -- Spring 2013

### Peace Studies – IIPS 30603/ Theo 40625/ CST 23457 War, Peace, and the Catholic Imagination

**Mondays & Wednesdays, 3:00-4:15 p.m.  
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Office hours: With a few exceptions, I will be available after each class; I also maintain an open door policy, so usually will be available. The best way to ensure that you have the time you need is to schedule an appointment by phone or e-mail.

#### **I. Course Description**

The Catholic Church boasts a rich tradition of reflection and action on war and peace. This course introduces students to the most well-known and well-developed part of that tradition: just war and pacifism. But it goes further and considers the relationship between the just war-pacifism strands of the tradition and the development of a theology, ethics and praxis of peacebuilding – i.e., the Church’s approach to conflict prevention, conflict transformation and post-conflict reconciliation. In considering these topics, the course will emphasize (1) the “living” nature of the tradition, the link between theory and practice, principles and policy; and (2) the importance of grounding ethics and action on war and peace in an understanding of Christian vocation.

Drawing on my 17 years as a senior official of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and my current role as coordinator of the Catholic Peacebuilding Network, the course will examine these broad topics in light of specific cases and issues, including the Iraq intervention, humanitarian intervention, nuclear disarmament, the landmines campaign, the Church’s role in Track Two diplomacy and truth and reconciliation processes, and other issues. Students will have an opportunity to engage directly with Catholic leaders who are working on these issues.

This course will also afford students the opportunity, primarily through a research paper, to contribute to the Catholic Peacebuilding Network’s (cpn.nd.edu) work in the Philippines, Colombia, the Great Lakes region of Africa, and South Sudan. Other course assignments will help students develop their written and oral skills in applied ethics through policy memos, opinion pieces (or blogs), homilies, and video-taped media interviews. There will be no in-class exams.

#### **II. Principal Texts**

Books (used are fine):

Schreiter, Appleby, Powers, *Peacebuilding: Catholic Theology, Ethics, and Praxis* (2010)  
National Conference of Catholic Bishops, *The Challenge of Peace* (1983). Readily available used

on-line or full text at: <http://old.usccb.org/sdwp/international/TheChallengeofPeace.pdf>

National Conference of Catholic Bishops, *The Harvest of Justice is Sown in Peace* (1994)  
(also available on-line at usccb.org)

Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, *Compendium of Catholic Social Doctrine*.

Available on-line at:

[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pontifical\\_councils/justpeace/documents/rc\\_pc\\_justpeace\\_doc\\_20060526\\_compendio-dott-soc\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/justpeace/documents/rc_pc_justpeace_doc_20060526_compendio-dott-soc_en.html)

Selected Readings: Other readings will be available on the course's Concourse site or, in some cases, through an internet link.

## ASSIGNMENTS

### PART 1. STRATEGIC CATHOLIC PEACEBUILDING

#### 1/16 What do Catholics have to do with peacebuilding?

Required Reading:

*Peacebuilding*, ch. 1: 3-22

Watch the clip from the movie, "Hotel Rwanda, 50:52-54:50 (scene where UN evacuates foreigners from hotel) at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bx7VmBLvxaw>

#### 1/21 The Moral Imagination

Required Reading:

Lederach, *The Moral Imagination*: 3-40

#### 1/23 Strategic Catholic peacebuilding?

Required Reading:

*Strategies of Peace*, ch. 1: 19-44

*Strategies of Peace*, excerpts from ch. 13, 317-332

Supplemental Reading:

Schreiter in *Peacebuilding*: ch. 15: 421-448

### PART 2. THEOLOGY, ETHICS, SPIRITUALITY OF PEACEBUILDING

#### 1/28 Scripture and peace

Required Reading:

*Challenge of Peace*: 5-28 (paras 5-65)

Quesnell, "Hermeneutical Prolegomena to a Pastoral Letter," in Reid, Jr., *Peace in a Nuclear Age* (1986): 3-19

"Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the Peacemakers," in *Blessed Are the Peacemakers: Biblical Perspectives on Peace and Its Social Foundations* (Paulist, 1989)

Supplemental Reading:

“Scripture, Use of in Catholic Social Ethics,” in *The New Dictionary of Catholic Social Thought* (Liturgical Press, 1994): 861-873

**1/30 Theology and peace**

Required Reading:

*Peacebuilding*, ch. 11: 300-331

Supplemental Reading:

*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, 11-39 (paras 20-86), 49-70 (paras 105-159)

**2/4 Research Report Topic Approved by Professor**

**2/4 Catholic social teaching I**

Required Reading:

John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris* (1963):

[http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/john\\_xxiii/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_j-xxiii\\_enc\\_11041963\\_pacem\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_xxiii/encyclicals/documents/hf_j-xxiii_enc_11041963_pacem_en.html)

*Peacebuilding*, excerpt from ch. 10: 265-278

Nye, *Nuclear Ethics*, 27-41

Supplemental Reading:

*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, 71-92 (160-208), 185-195 (paras 428-450), 213-226 (paras 488-520)

*Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace*: 45-46

Second Vatican Council, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (*Dignitatis Humanae*)

**2/6 Catholic social teaching II**

Required Reading:

Nye, *Nuclear Ethics*: 14-26

Justice Department Memorandum: August 2002: pp. 1-2, 14-22, 39-50.

USCCB Study Guide on torture, ch. 2: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/torture/the-problem-with-torture.cfm>

Human Rights Watch, “Summary of Law Prohibiting Torture,” May 2004

Convention Against Torture, arts 1-5

**2/11 Ecclesiology and peace**

Required Reading:

*Peacebuilding*, ch. 14: 398-420

O’Brien, excerpt from *Public Catholicism*

**2/13 Sacraments, spirituality and peace**

Required Reading:

*Peacebuilding*, ch. 8: 221-239

**2/14 Paper #1 Due. Send by e-mail to [gpowers1@nd.edu](mailto:gpowers1@nd.edu) by 6:00 p.m. AND hand in hard copy in class on 2/18**

**PART 3. "IT'S A BIG CHURCH": THE VARIETY OF CATHOLIC PEACEBUILDERS**

**2/18 Institutional Actors I: Vatican/ Episcopal Conference Commissions/ Offices**

Required Reading:

Powers, "Peace and Justice Commissions," *The New Dictionary of Catholic Social Thought* (Liturgical Press, 1994): 722-724

Powers, "The U.S. Bishops and War since the Peace Pastoral," *U.S. Catholic Historian* (Winter 2009)

Review following websites:

Vatican: under "Roman Curia" see Secretariat of State & Pontifical Council Justice & Peace ([http://www.vatican.va/phome\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/phome_en.htm))

USCCB justice & peace (<http://www.usccb.org/about/international-justice-and-peace/>)

**2/20 Institutional Actors II: Caritas Agencies and South Sudan**

**Guest: John Ashworth, CRS consultant for Sudan**

Required Reading:

Ashworth/ Ryan, article on Catholic Peacebuilding in Sudan

*Peacebuilding*, ch. 5: 125-154

Review peacebuilding sites on the following websites:

Catholic Relief Services's peacebuilding (<http://crs.org/peacebuilding/>)

Caritas Internationalis (<http://www.caritas.org/>)

Supplemental Reading:

*Artisans of Peace*, ch. 7 (Sudan): 196-225

"Free at Last," in *U.S. Catholic* (Dec. 2011)

**2/25 Independent Lay Organizations: Sant'Egidio's Track 2 Diplomacy in Mozambique**

Required Reading:

Bartoli, Andrea, "Forgiveness and Reconciliation in the Mozambique Peace Process," in Helmick, *Forgiveness and Reconciliation* (2001): 351-71.

Johnston, article on Sant'Egidio

Sant'Egidio website, especially "War, Mother of All Poverty" (on Mozambique)

(<http://www.santegidio.org/en/pace/pace3.htm>) and "The Method of Sant'Egidio"

(<http://www.santegidio.org/en/pace/pace4.htm>)

**2/27 Individual Peacebuilders: Engaging Armed Actors**

Required Reading:

*Peacebuilding*, ch. 2: 23-55

“Men who walked the street,” in D. Little, *Peacemakers in Action*: 53-96

**3/4 People Power: religion, culture, nonviolence and the demise of Marcos**

Required Reading:

*The Harvest of Justice is Sown in Peace*: 2-5 (I. A and I.B.1.)

Ackerman and Duvall, *A Force More Powerful*: 369-395

Astorga, Culture, Religion, and Moral Vision: A Theological Discourse on the Filipino People Power Revolution of 1986, *Theol. Studies* 67 (2006): 567-601.

Supplemental Reading:

Ackerman & Duvall, “People Power Primed,” *Harvard Int’l Rev.* (Summer 2005): 42-47

M. Stephan & E. Chenoweth, “Why Civil Resistance Works,” *International Security* 33:1 (Summer 2008): 7-44

**3/6 Paper #2 Due by e-mail to [gpowers1@nd.edu](mailto:gpowers1@nd.edu) by 3:00 pm (late submissions not accepted); hard copy in class**

**3/6 Class presentations on papers (5 minutes each)**

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**PART 4. CATHOLIC PEACEBUILDING AND POLICY**

**3/18 Just war and nonviolence**

Required Reading:

*Challenge of Peace*: 28-52 (paras 66-121)

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, pp. 213-20 (paras 488-505)

Cahill, *Love Your Enemies*, ch. 10: 205-230

Excerpt from Himes, *Peacebuilding*, ch. 10: 278-283

Supplemental Readings:

*Harvest of Justice*: 9-16

Drew Christiansen, S.J., “Catholic Peacemaking, 1991-2005: The Legacy of Pope John Paul II,” in *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 4:2 (Fall 2006): 22.

J. Childress, “Just War Criteria,” in Thomas Shannon, ed., *War or Peace* (1980): 40-58

**3/20 Research Report Prospectus/ Outline/ Bibliography Due in Class**

**3/20 Moral limits on military force: Iraq 2003**

Required Reading:

US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Statement on Iraq, November 2002

G. Weigel, “The Development of Just War Thinking in the Post-Cold War World,” in *The Price of Peace*: 19-36

*National Security Strategy* 2002: Part III: <http://georgewbush-whitehouse.archives.gov/nsc/nss/2002/print/index.html>

Supplemental Readings:

Michael Novak, "An Argument that War Against Iraq is Just," *Origins* (Feb. 20, 2003)

F. Wester, "Preemption and Just War: Considering the Case of Iraq," *Parameters* (Winter 2004-2005): 20-39.

**3/25 Does war bring peace? Jus post bellum**

Required Reading:

G. Bass, "Jus Post Bellum," in *Philosophy & Public Affairs*: 384-412

G. Powers, "Our Moral Duty in Iraq," *America* (Feb. 18, 2008): 13-16

USCCB statement on responsible transition in Iraq

Supplemental Reading:

Christian Schaller, "Towards an International Legal Framework for Post-Conflict Peacebuilding (2009).

Noah Feldman, *What We Owe Iraq: War and the Ethics of Nation Building* (2004)

B. Orend, "Justice after War," *Ethics and International Affairs*, April 2002 (16:1): 43-56

**3/27 Humanitarian intervention**

Required Reading:

J.T. Johnson, "The Question of Intervention," in *Morality and Contemporary Warfare*: 71-118.

*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*: 220 (para. 506)

*Harvest of Justice*: 38-41

Supplemental Reading:

K. Himes, "Catholic Social Thought and Humanitarian Intervention," in Powers, et al, eds, *Peacemaking*: 215-228.

P. Laberge, "Humanitarian Intervention," *Ethics & Int'l Aff.*, vol.19 (1995): 15-36

Alex Bellamy, "The Responsibility to Protect – Five Years On," *Ethics & Int'l Affairs* 24:2 (Summer 2010): 143-169

Powers on Syria in *Huffington Post*: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/gerard-powers/>

**4/1 EASTER HOLIDAY**

**4/3 Legitimate and illegitimate weapons: nuclear weapons**

Required Reading:

National Conference of Catholic Bishops, *The Challenge of Peace* (1983): 53-84

*Harvest of Justice*: 31-36

Bryan Hehir, "Ethics and Strategy: The Views of Selected Strategists," in T. Whitmore, ed., *Ethics in the Nuclear Age* (1989): 12-32

Supplemental Reading:

Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*: 251-283

J. Nye, *Nuclear Ethics*, 42-80

“Target Committee, Los Alamos, May 10-11, 1945,” pp. 1-5  
U.S. Army, “Law of War,” *Operational Law Handbook*: 11-16

**4/15 Moral Norms and Advocacy: the Landmines Campaign**

Required:

US bishops’ statement on landmines

Don Hubert, “The Landmine Ban: A Case Study in Humanitarian Advocacy,” an Occasional Paper #42 by Watson Institute, Brown University, at:

<http://www.watsoninstitute.org/pub/op42.pdf>

Review International Campaign to Ban Landmines site: <http://www.icbl.org/intro.php>

**4/17 Political Reconciliation**

**Guest: Daniel Philpott**

Required Reading:

Philpott, *Peacebuilding*, ch. 4: 92-124

Pearson, *Peacebuilding*, ch. 7: 190-214

**4/22 Inter-religious dialogue and peacebuilding OR Topic Chosen by Class**

Required Reading:

*Peacebuilding*, ch. 9: 240-262.

Reread *Strategies of Peace*, ch. 13: 339-345

R. Neufeldt, “Interfaith Dialogue: Assessing Theories of Change,” *Peace & Change* 36:3 (July 2011): 344–372

Supplemental Reading:

*Peacebuilding*, ch. 12: 332-365

*Pursuing Just Peace*, ch. 117-132

*Artisans of Peace*, ch. 4: 132-165

**4/24 Topic chosen by class**

**PART V. WRAPPING UP**

**4/29 The Vocation of Peacebuilding**

Required Reading:

John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*

Schreier, “Peacebuilding as Vocation”

Brady, *Essential Catholic Social Thought*, ch 2: 32-52

