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Peacebuilding: Web Toolkit for Trainers

Caritas Internationalis launched *Peacebuilding: Web Toolkit for Trainers* March 24. The 200 plus page web toolkit can be found at: http://www.caritas.org/newsroom/press_releases/PressRelease24_03_09.html.

Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute, May 18-22, 2009, Philippines

The Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute seeks to deepen commitment to justice and peace, tolerance, respect for human rights, and solidarity among individuals, communities and institutes. For more information, email Ms. Ma. Ida Giguiento at mpi@ph.seapro.crs.org.

Teaching Peace in the 21st Century, June 14-19, 2009

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, is offering its first Summer Institute for Faculty for those involved in or interested in peace studies programs. Of particular interest will be a break out session on integrating Catholic peacebuilding into a peace studies program. More information and online application materials are available

at: <http://kroc.nd.edu/newsevents/events/2009/06/14/493>. Application deadline: April 3.

Summer Institute on Reconciliation, May 31-June 5, 2009

The Duke Divinity School Summer Institute is designed to stimulate participants' imagination, wrestle with practical problems, identify frameworks, and equip them to continue a journey of integrity. For information: <http://www.divinity.duke.edu/learningforlife/programs/summerinstitute>.

The Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations at Hekima College

The Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations at Hekima College, in Kenya, was established five years ago in order to respond to the challenges of conflict and war in the Horn of Africa and Africa at large. The Institute is setting up a library, which is crucial for its ability to teach and do research. The Institute would be grateful for any journal, review, or book on peace/justice and international relations that might be available. Contact: Rev. Dr. Paulin Manwelo, S.J., Director, Institute of Peace Studies & International Relations, Hekima College, P.O. Box 21215, Nairobi, KENYA (phone: 254 727 38 14 38; E-mail: manwelop@hotmail.com).

***Instrumentum Laboris* for the African Bishops Synod on the Church in Service to Reconciliation, Justice and Peace**

During his trip to Africa, Pope Benedict XVI released the *Instrumentum Laboris* for the Africa Synod of Bishops, which will be held at the Vatican October 4-25, 2009. It is available at http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/documents/rc_synod_doc_20090319_instrlabor-africa_en.html.

Catholics Confront Global Poverty Initiative

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) launched the much-anticipated Catholics Confront Global Poverty initiative. Introduced at the annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington, DC, the two-year nationwide effort calls upon Catholics to confront global poverty. One of the stated goals is an increased emphasis on peacemaking. Information at: <http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/globalpoverty/>

Together with Africa: Celebrating Hope, Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns

In preparation for the Extraordinary Synod on Africa, the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns presents "Together with Africa: Celebrating Hope." For more information: <http://www.maryknollogc.org/regional/africa/together%20with%20africa%20celebrating%20hope.html>

Days of Prayer and Action for Colombia, April 19-20, 2009

Days of Prayer and Action for Colombia is an opportunity for Catholics in the United States to support our Colombian brothers and sisters in this vision. For more information: <http://www.crs.org/public-policy/prayer-action.cfm>

Pax Christi International Newsletter-March 2009

The Pax Christi International Newsletter for March 2009 can be found at: <http://storage.paxchristi.net/NEWSLETTER/2009-0162-en-gl-IS.pdf> for

The Politics of Love and War by Robert C. Johansen

Throughout their history Christians have faced this question: Can I refuse to kill others and still be morally responsible when violent, aggressive groups threaten other people? Read the entire article at: http://www.plowsharesproject.org/journal/php/article.php?issu_list_id=11&article_list_id=33

Peace Prize for Sant' Egidio Founder

The founder of the Sant' Egidio Community, Andrea Riccardi, will receive the International Charlemagne Prize on May 21. He was chosen as "an extraordinary sign and example of the European values of

peace, of solidarity and human dignity and of civil commitment for a better world." The Sant' Egidio Community in the United States is a charter member of the CPN's Steering Committee.

Playing for Peace: a peace and sports program for youth warriors in Sudan

Bishop Paride Taban, retired bishop of the [Catholic diocese of Torit](#), felt that there was a need to build bridges between the youth from these traditionally conflicting communities in Sudan. Bishop Paride inspired [IKV Pax Christi Netherlands](#) and [Seeds of Peace Africa \(SOPA\)](#) to develop a program that would bring together the youth warriors from pastoralist communities Kuron and Narus (Sudan). For the article and video of

program: <http://maryknollogc.org/regional/africa/Together%20with%20Africa/Playing%20for%20peace.html> .

Director of Peace and Justice, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI

The primary responsibility for the position is to promote Catholic Social Teaching across the campus, while at the same time building relationships with other justice organizations both locally and nationally. Some teaching in the Peace and Justice minor is also required. For more information: <http://www.snc.edu/hr/positions/?i=R0000000340>

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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