



April, 2008

- **Conference:** *The Future of Catholic Peacebuilding*, April 13-15, 2008, University of Notre Dame
- **Institute:** *Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute*, May 19-June 6, 2008, Davao City, Mindanao, Philippines
- **Study-Tour:** “Three Faiths One Land: Exploring the Holy Land”, April 28-May 6, 2008, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem
- **Book:** *Refugee Rights: Ethics, Advocacy, and Africa*, Edited by David Hollenbach, SJ
- **Job:** Program Manager, United States Institute of Peace

[Conference on the Future of Catholic Peacebuilding](#), April 13-15, 2008, University of Notre Dame

Scholars, Church leaders and practitioners from 30 countries will come together to reflect on the theological, ethical and practical dimensions of the Church's work on conflict prevention, conflict resolution, and post-conflict reconciliation. The conference is sponsored by the [Catholic Peacebuilding Network](#) and co-sponsored by eighteen major Catholic academic institutions, Church agencies, and lay organizations. For more information, contact *Kathy Smarrella* at Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies (574-631-9370, ksmarrel@nd.edu) or link directly to conference materials and registration (free) at: <http://cpn.nd.edu/>. Due to an overwhelming response, registration has been closed. To view video streams of conference plenary sessions go to <mms://streaming.nd.edu/cpn>.

For those who cannot attend the conference the following two preliminary events will be held in Washington, DC: These events will focus on inter-religious peacebuilding, Catholic peacebuilding and political institutions, peacebuilding and reconciliation, and conflict resources in Africa.

The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, April 7, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

For more information go to the CUA website at <https://home.cua.edu/index.cfm?main=myannouncements&Detail=6071>

Georgetown University, Washington, DC, April 7, 2008 7:30 p.m.

For information go

to <http://events.georgetown.edu/events/index.cfm?Action=View&CalendarID=309&EventID=58301>.

These Washington, D.C. events are co-sponsored by the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University, The Catholic University of America's Office of the President, The Catholic University of America's Life Cycle Institute, The Catholic University of America's Center for International Social Development, The Georgetown University's Conflict Resolution Program, Washington Theological Union's Center for Ministry and Public Life, and the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University.

Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute, May 19-June 6, 2008, Davao City, Mindanao, Philippines

The Catholic Relief Service- Philippine Program, in collaboration with the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD), is hosting the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute. This institute, which will run for three weeks, will bring together a wide range of people with experience, knowledge and skills in peace-related work. Intensive training in areas such as religious peacebuilding, mediation, grassroots peace work, and conflict transformation will hopefully increase such skills, drawing on the shared knowledge of both the participants and the facilitators. This institute is highly important at this time when peacebuilding is faced with the immense challenges currently facing Mindanao and the Southeast/South Asian region. For more information, contact Myla Leguro, MPI Management Committee, at mpi@ph.seapro.crs.org.

“Three Faiths, One Land: Exploring the Holy Land”, April 28-May 6, 2008, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem

This program offers an exceptional opportunity to examine how Christian, Jewish, and Muslim history, thought, and belief are intertwined in the Holy Land. Along with thought-provoking lectures given by an expert faculty, participants will enjoy private visits, walking tours, and trips to sites of great historic importance and deep religious significance. Rev. Patrick Gaffney, C.S.C., a member of Notre Dame's Department of Anthropology, is the program's faculty director.

Further information about this Mendoza College of Business International Program can be obtained by e-mailing program director Tom Dowd at tdowd1@nd.edu, or viewing the website: <http://tantur2008.nd.edu/registration.html>

***Refugee Rights: Ethics, Advocacy, and Africa*, edited by David Hollenbach, SJ**

A new book dealing with ethics and advocacy on behalf of refugees in Africa has been edited by David Hollenbach. *Refugee Rights: Ethics, Advocacy, and Africa* will be published in mid-May. It provides an

analytical framework for vigorous advocacy on behalf of refugees and internally displaced people. Representing both religious and secular perspectives, the contributors are scholars, practitioners, and refugee advocates, all of whom have spent time "on the ground" in Africa. It will be available to CPN members at a 30% discount from the publisher, Georgetown University Press, reduced from \$26.95 to the prepublication Discount Price of \$18.87. You can order it online at: <http://press.georgetown.edu/detail.html?id=9781589012028>. To receive the discount, when entering your payment method enter the Discount Code M84.

Program Officer, The United States Institute of Peace

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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.

If you have information on Catholic peacebuilding that you would like to share with the Network, please contact:

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