

Catholics for Peace and Justice

September 2009 Newsletter

There are many things to be diligent and faithful about as we enter into fall – healthcare certainly is front and center. New headlines today state [“Groundwork Is Laid for New Troops in Afghanistan”](#) detailing the deteriorating situation while public support wanes at home. The Senate is expected to take up debate on a [bill capping green house gas](#) emissions this month. The details can be overwhelming.

In this newsletter we offer one more look at health care from a moral and practical perspective. We join forces with others in our state on legislation to “Bring Home the Guard”. In the coming weeks, as we approach the 8th anniversary of war, we will begin to collaborate locally to protest the escalating situation in Afghanistan.

On a more prayerful note:

Our September 17 Prayer Service for Peace offers strength for the journey as we focus on Pope Benedict’s Encyclical Letter “Charity in Truth”. Please join us and Rob Shelledy from the Office of Social Justice Ministry as we look at a vision of today’s issues of Poverty, the Global Economy, Environment, and Technology through the lens of what we are called to be, “authentic human beings” focused on the eternal love of God.

Peace and blessings on your ministry



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September Prayer Service – Thursday, September 17

Our September Prayer Service will be held Thursday, September 17, 7 pm at St. Margaret Mary parish located at 92nd Street and Capitol Drive.

Our focus: Pope Benedict's Encyclical Letter "Charity in Truth". Encyclical documents can be thick weighty material to read through and this letter is no exception. At the same time they can express a depth of grace, truth and compassion that is the foundation of Catholic social faith – and this letter is no exception. We know that only a small fraction of a fraction of us will ever sit down to read this whole document and yet often we are surprised to learn now and then that the Church has taken profoundly just positions on topics such as the environment, global economy, or the death penalty.

In this letter Pope Benedict reprises the 1967 letter of Pope Paul VI, *The Development of Peoples [Populorum Progressio]*, a call to the authentic development of every person and of all humanity. It is the grace and love of God through Jesus Christ that is the force "which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." Benedict specifically views the issues of Poverty, the Global Economy, Environment, and Technology through the lens of what we are called to be, "authentic human beings" focused on the eternal love of God. Please join us as we unfold a few pages of this document. As always, bring your friends, parishioners and neighbors. Below is an insert for your parish bulletin.

"I Didn't Know the Church Said That! "Charity in Truth" Pope Benedict's Latest Letter to the Faithful

In July of this year Pope Benedict sent an encyclical to us, the faithful, entitled "Charity in Truth". The letter expresses how we are to extend God's authentic love through the example of Jesus Christ in faithfulness and Truth to all humanity. Benedict specifically views the issues of Poverty, the Global Economy, Environment, and Technology through the lens of what we are called to be, "authentic human beings" focused on the eternal love of God.

On Thursday, September 17 at 7 pm, Rob Shelledy of the Archdiocesan Office of Social Justice Ministry will break open the encyclical for us within the context of prayer. Location: St. Margaret Mary Church 92nd St. and Capitol Drive.

"I didn't know the Church said that!" Now is the opportunity to hear what the Church is saying about the times we live in. Sponsored by Catholics for Peace and Justice.

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Prayer Service for Peace with St. Therese Parish – Thursday, October 1

On Thursday, October 1, at 7 pm, Catholics for Peace and Justice will join St. Therese Parish who is hosting its third annual Peace Prayer Service. The service will feature the combined choirs and musicians of Sacred Heart Croatian, St. Vincent Pallotti, St. Catherine and St. Therese. Everyone is invited to join us in prayer with fellowship to follow the service. Please join us as we pray for peace in our families, our community and our world. We would be honored by your presence. Please spread the word. St. Therese Parish located at 9525 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee

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International Day of Peace – SSND Peace Service - Sept 21

From Lillia Langreck, SSND

School Sisters of Notre Dame will be commemorating International Day of Peace on September 21 with a special peace service at 2PM at Notre Dame of Elm Grove - 13105 Watertown Plank Road. Weather permitting the service will be held outside by the peace pole (on the Watertown Plank Road side). This event is sponsored by the SSND Global Justice Peace Commission. SSND's on 5 continents will be praying with us. You are invited to join us.

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Bring Home the National Guard – WI State Assembly Bill 203 – Act Now

Catholics for Peace and Justice working together with Peace Action

This fall the Wisconsin State Legislature will be voting on [Assembly Bill 203](#) to bring home the Wisconsin National Guard. People are needed from all over the state to call on their State Representatives and State Senators. Ask them to support Assembly Bill 203 which requires the governor to review and authorize federal call-ups of the Guard to insure they are legal. Lead sponsors of the legislation are Rep. Spencer Black and Senator Jon Erpenbach. Other Assembly sponsors are Berceau, Grigsby, Milroy, Parisi, Pocan, Pope-Roberts, Polly Williams and Richards. "Bring the Guard Home!" is a national movement of dozens of states organizing to pass legislation to stop illegal deployments of the National Guard. The authority under which the WI Guard was deployed to Iraq is no longer in effect; and thus, there is no legal basis for the Guard to remain there.

[Assembly Bill 203](#)

Take Action

Contact your State Representative and State Senator today and ask them to support [Assembly Bill 203](#). Don't know who your reps are? Go to <http://www.catholicsforpeaceandjustice.org/21.html> for a link to find your WI state legislators.

The following districts comprise the Veterans and Military Affairs Committee: If you know people in these districts, please ask them to contact their representative in support of Bill 203.

District 51 - Steve Hilgenberg (D) - Dodgeville, Spring Green, Sauk City, Mineral Point, Darlington,

District 61 - Robert Turner (D) - Racine, North Bay, Wind Point

District 75 - Mary Hubler (D) - Spooner, Rice Lake, Cumberland, Prairie Fam, Turtle Lake

District 73 - Nick Milroy (D) - Superior, Minong,

District 20 - Christine Sinicki (D) - St. Francis, Cudahy, parts of southern Milwaukee

District 34 - Dan Meyer (R) - Eagle River, Land O'Lakes, Winchester, Minocqua, Rhinelander,

District 72 - Marlin Scheider (D) - Wisconsin Rapids, Adams, Friendship, Westfield

District 40 - Kevin Peterson (R) - Hortonville, New London, Waupaca, Weyauwega, Iola, Big Falls, Clintonville

District 52 - John Townsend (R) - Fond du Lac, North Fond du Lac,

District 86 - Jerry Petrowski (R) - Tigerton, Rosholt, Mosinee, Hatley, Marathon City

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Questions of Military Service

From Dennis Johnson, Executive Director, Homeless Veteran Initiative, Veterans for Peace

Last week a man named William Calley offered his first public apology for his part in the My Lai massacre that took place some forty years ago. He maintains he was following orders from his superior. Lieutenant Calley was the only one convicted in the murder of some 500 civilian men, women and children. He served 3 years on house arrest before being pardoned by Richard Nixon.

Hugh Thompson was a helicopter pilot in the area and when he observed what was happening on the ground, landing his chopper between fleeing Vietnamese and American soldiers, he saved those people's lives, then wading through ditches filled with bodies, took still living Vietnamese for medical help. For many years after that he received harassment and death threats for coming to the aid of the Vietnamese and for his reporting of the murders.

Colin Powell was a Major and the Battalion Commander of the unit and was assigned to investigate and report on the letter that had been received detailing the massacre that happened at My Lai. His report whitewashed any wrong doing and he stated that "based on our good relations with the Vietnamese in the area something of this magnitude was very unlikely to have happened."

Three men, three officers, each standing on different moral ground but each has to look themselves in the mirror each day and face their own conscience. We all want to think that we would do the right thing, the moral thing, and the heroic thing in such circumstances. These were officers who one could say chose to be doing what they were doing, and yet they acted so differently.....

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A Moral Foundation for Health Care

From CPJ Leadership Council

Its human nature to resist change and that is especially true when it comes to health care. There is a lot at stake, company profits, personal coverage, a fear that we will personally have less than we have now, or worse we will be forced to give more of our own to help others. The information here is meant to help try to put elements of this debate into perspective. It starts where all our moral decision should start, with our own moral foundation. We ask that you consider the content here. Share it with others. Contact your legislators and ask others to do the same. Now is the time to act!

Our Moral Foundation

As the health care debate roars on, we are struck by the rhetoric of who and what we as the "good citizens" should pay for and what we should not. We shouldn't have to pay for neighbors, who take advantage of the system, or strangers who are immigrants or fellow workers who smoke, or community members who don't work or family members who are obese, you know "those people" who just aren't as healthy or deserving as we are – right now anyway.

Thank goodness, God doesn't choose to see us in the same light we choose to see our sisters and brothers or we'd ALL be in the same deep dark fiery trouble. After all the rhetoric the answer is simple Christ in Scripture tells us simply to love our neighbor as our self, and more, to love others as Christ loves us [Luke 10, John 15]. Our Church teaches that at its very core the foundation of Catholic Social Justice is human dignity. "Society as a whole must respect, defend, and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life." [*The Gospel of Life, #181*] In short we must attend to the common good of all as Christ tends to us.

[Religious Values Supporting Universal Health](#) Care provides a Judeo-Christian perspective on why we should care for each other. Please share with others.

The Facts

The rhetoric continues. It is a fact that we Americans often gather our "facts" [the Cliff Notes version] from pundits, email and the media rather than reading the documents ourselves. We have heard a lot about HR 3200 and HR 676. What is actually contained in these bills?

[A Brief Summary of the Current Health Care Bills](#) before Congress is a summary of HR3200 and HR 676 in layperson's terms. This document is worth reading and sharing with others.

Want to check some of the media and email "facts" you are concerned about? Go to www.factcheck.org

The Stories

And then there is reality - the stories. We all know someone who has a crisis story. Stories help us understand the reality of our current system, in what ways it is broke, and to help us understand the need to fix what is broke.

Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good has set up a web page of Health Care Stories at <http://www.catholicsinalliance.org/storymap> . Here you can read submitted stories and submit your own story. Share these stories with others.

Take Action

Contact your legislators. Share your stories. Don't have their contact information? Go to www.catholicsforpeaceandjustice.org and choose menu item "Legislators" or click here <http://www.catholicsforpeaceandjustice.org/21.html>

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On Health Care – A Letter to the Editor of the Catholic Herald

From Francis Pauc

Dear Sirs,

There has been a great deal of controversy concerning the new health care reform bill H.R. 3200. The prospect that, if passed, this bill would provide for federally funded abortions nationwide is by itself enough to warrant opposition to the legislation in its present form. By providing money for abortions the legislation is saying that unborn children are not worthy of the same medical care as other people. This points to a deeper issue in the health care debate. There is more fundamental question involved: "Is health care a right or is it a privilege?"

It is right and proper that Catholics be concerned about the well-being of the unborn and of the elderly. " Death panels " of any sort are an evil. However, do we really believe that all people in this country deserve to have proper medical care? I have never heard anybody say: " My family and I do not deserve affordable, quality health care. " Nobody ever says that; nobody even thinks that. However, in a recent letter to the Catholic Herald, the author wrote that most of those without health care insurance " are illegal aliens, citizens who don't want to have insurance, or are between jobs." That is a remarkable comment, and it prompts some questions.

It is my understanding that one of the corporal acts of mercy is to care for the sick. Does the legal status of somebody residing in this country excuse us from caring for their medical needs? Are we not required as Christians to care for the sick regardless of who they are? Why is there this uproar about the possibility of spending taxpayer money to heal a person who isn't here legally?

I have yet to meet anybody that does not want health insurance. I have met numerous people who don't purchase it because they cannot afford it. Those who choose at the present time not to buy health insurance perhaps have more critical needs, such as food, clothing, and shelter.

I have been "between jobs". It's not a pleasant place to be. I have had huge unanticipated medical expenses while I was between jobs, and they almost wiped us out financially. Is it the sign of a just society when a person is unemployed and then suddenly loses everything because of a medical emergency? Are the millions of people that are presently between jobs just out of luck ?

It is of crucial importance that we, as a nation, care for the unborn. I also think that we should show a little concern and compassion to those that are already in this world. If some deserve health care, then all deserve it. We are all created in God's image. We are all his children.

Francis Pauc

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Common Ground Delegates Assembly and Update on Campaigns

The next Common Ground Delegates' Assembly will be held Tuesday, September 15 at Mount Mary College in Helfaer Hall from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Come to learn about the work of Common Ground. We will layout strategic next steps in three issue campaigns which we would like participation from all Common Ground members organizations. Individual member organizations will report on their summer accomplishments. In addition, our health care and youth jobs will report on their progress.

To participate in the Common Ground Delegates Assembly and learn more about Common Ground Campaigns contact Debra Schneider at djschneider@wi.rr.com

For an update on Common Ground campaigns go to www.commongroundwi.org

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Common Ground U

From CPJ Common Ground

Common Ground is a broad-based organization of organizations in Southeast Wisconsin whose leaders and members come from diverse racial, ethnic, religious, cultural and political backgrounds. What they share in common is the desire to achieve positive changes in our community. It exists to build and support an organization to address Greater Milwaukee's critical social issues in an effective, non-partisan way. By listening to over 1,400 people discuss their concerns including health care, education, jobs and economic development, crime, mental health, youth activities, immigration and housing Common Ground has prioritized areas of concern and developed initial action campaigns to address various aspects of these issues.

Common Ground U - Leadership Institutes teach volunteers the basics of organizing. Next Common Ground U classes: Track 1: Tuesdays, October 6, 13 and 20 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St. Anthony on the Lake in Pewaukee. Track 2: Saturdays, November 7 and 14 from 8:15 am to 1:00 pm at Greater New Birth Church in Milwaukee.

To get involved in Common Ground contact us at info@catholicsforpeaceandjustice.org Common Ground Website: www.commongroundwi.org

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MU Center for Peacemaking Fall Retreat "The Spirituality of Intimacy: Peacemaking for the Heart"- Saturday, Sept 12

"The Spirituality of Intimacy: Peacemaking for the Heart" - The Center's beginning-of-the-year Nonviolence Day-Long Retreat will be held on Saturday, September 12th at the Alumni Memorial Union Chapel at Marquette University, Milwaukee, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Retreat will be directed by Kathy Coffey-Guenther, associate director of the Faber Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Marquette University. She will help us with extensive experience as a psychotherapist and spiritual director to lead us in reflecting on our relationship with others, ourselves, and with God. In addition, we will begin our academic year with the Pledge to Practice Nonviolence. All are invited. You don't have to be an MU student to attend. [Flyer for the Retreat](#)

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MU Center for Peacemaking "Israel- Palestine: What is the Vatican Position?" – Sept 17

Fr. Ray Helmick, a Professor of Theology, at Boston University will be the main speaker at this Event. Fr. Helmick has established himself as an authority in conflict resolution and mediation as he has been a part of the peace process in Northern Ireland, the Balkans, and now in Israel-Palestine. He published a book in 2004

called "Negotiating Outside the Law: Why Camp David Failed." This event will take place on Thursday, September 17, from 7--8:30 pm, in Cudahy Hall, 001. This is the second in a series of speakers on the conflict in Israel-Palestine sponsored by the Center for Peacemaking and funded through a grant from the Frankel Family Foundation.

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Parish Education: Engage! Putting Social Teaching to Action

From CPJ Education Group

Our Catholics for Peace and Justice mission continues to include spreading the social teaching of the church to local parishes. The Catholics for Peace and Justice workshop called "Engage! Putting Your Faith into Action" is designed for parish councils, human concerns committees, Christian formation teams and other adult groups seeking to understand and engage the social teaching of the Church.

Through presentation, discussion, and application this interactive workshop educates and challenges parish members to understand the foundation of our social teaching and opens them to the process of integrating social justice into every aspect of parish and community life. The program is provided by CPJ, tailored to the needs of your parish, and is offered at no cost – however donations are welcomed!

Contact Barb Schultz at cpi@catholicsforpeaceandjustice.org for more information. We encourage you to spread the word about the program to your parish community and staff.

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Four Corners Fair Trade Education

From Mike Howden

Did you know that Four Corners has an Education Committee with speakers on Fair Trade, Sustainability, Immigration and Sweatshops? Please check out the list of speakers at our web site at www.fairtrademilwaukee.org and note on our home page the upcoming series on Voluntary Simplicity organized by one of our volunteers.

The Committee has also purchased a number of videos on these subjects which are available for use by teachers and families. Following is the list of films: Available from the Four Corners of the World Fair Trade Store. Call the store at 414-443-9606 if you are interested in borrowing one.

List of Films

[Black Gold](#) (a documentary that shows the cost behind the cost of our 2nd largest import, coffee)

[Blue Gold](#) (a film about future world water wars)

[Chocolate Country](#) (a documentary about a group of cacao farmers who have a plan to turn the global economic system on its head)

[Flow](#) (a film about the global water crisis; about the war between public health and private interests)

[Fresh](#) (a documentary about people who are re-inventing our food system—features local farmer Will Allen)

[King Korn](#) (an entertaining documentary about how the corn kernel conquered America)

[Mardi Gras](#) (a documentary critique of globalization that looks at conditions in a Chinese factory)

[Matamoros](#) (a documentary by Sierra Club about the pollution and miserable living conditions of the workers and their families who live in the Mexican border town of Matamoros)

[Mt. Meru](#) (an explanation of how the Lutheran churches of Southeastern Wisconsin came to join coffee farmers in Tanzania to market Fair Trade coffee)

[Not for Sale](#) (a documentary on the 27 million people who are enslaved today)

[Playing for Change](#) (five uplifting songs of solidarity performed by musicians from around the world)

[Stolen Childhoods](#) (a documentary about the exploitation of children as laborers, narrated by Meryl Streep and the children and adults who are concerned about them and their futures)

[The Story of Stuff](#) (an entertaining and fast-paced explanation of American consumers and their insatiable appetite for goods: how it came to be and how it is affecting our planet and the quality of our lives)

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Cross-Cluster Social Concerns Book Discussion at St. Sebs – Sept

From Dorothy Bunke

Our next book is "\$20 Per Gallon: How the rising price of oil will change our lives" by Christopher Steiner. The book discussion group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm-8:30pm in St. Sebastian Parish, Adult Formation Room, 5400 W. Washington Blvd. Enter at the 54th St. entrance. On the 3rd Thursday of each month about 1/2 hour may be devoted to Bread for the World activities. Any questions, call 414-771-2972.

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Living Beyond the "End of the World" - With Environmentalist and Author Margaret Swedish

From Debra Schneider

Sunday, September 27, 11:45 am – St. James Parish Hall

Daily we are overrun with news and debates on energy, food, water, climate and economics – interrelated forces that could undermine the fabric of life as we know it. How will we contend with issues like water shortages, the end of "cheap oil", and the global food crises? What is the potential impact on the poor and powerless in the U.S. and around the world? How can we as people of faith and compassion change our actions to help humankind face these challenges? With Margaret we will explore the spiritual meaning of the ecological crisis that now faces our precious Earth, where the changes required are particularly profound.

Please join us for Margaret's presentation on Sunday, September 27 at 11:45 am following mass and the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast. Please invite your friends and neighbors to hear this wonderful speaker. All are welcome! [Flyer with Details](#)

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Exploring the Power of Nonviolence PJSA Conference – October 8-10

Plenary Speaker Helen Prejean

Exploring the Power of Nonviolence, the 7th Annual Conference of the Peace and Justice Studies Association, will be held October 8-10, 2009 at Marquette University, Milwaukee. Keynote speakers include Helen Prejean, Robert Enright, Jonathan Schell, James Douglas, Will Allen, and Janine Geske. On Friday night, October 9, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. there will be a concert-Emma's Revolution. This year's conference theme is "Exploring the Power of Nonviolence," and it will be on October 8-10, 2009 to mark the 140th anniversary of Gandhi's birth.

For more information and registration go to: <http://www.peacejusticestudies.org/conference/schedule.php>
Jointly sponsored by the Peace and Justice Studies Association (PJSA), the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (WISPG), and the Marquette University Center for Peacemaking and is open to the public.

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The Natural Step Discussion Circle Begins September 16 – Last Call

This message is our last call for people who would like to participate in a Natural Step discussion circle this fall. The Waukesha Circle will take place on Wednesday evenings beginning on **Wednesday, September 16 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for 10 weeks**. We will be meeting on the **UW Waukesha campus**. The Natural Step [TNS] is a model for sustainable practices used by countries, communities and businesses in developing policies and practices towards sustainability. Well over a dozen communities in Wisconsin have adopted The Natural Step as their model. Participants will focus on issues of sustainability including the TNS framework, renewable resources, transportation, green buildings, eco-economic development, food, waste, land use, and working with government to effect change. Circles will use the book The Natural Step for Communities and use a discussion format similar to Northwest Earth Institute programs.

Contact Information

If you are interested in the UW Waukesha Circle Contact Deb Schneider at 414-550-2167 or djschneider@wi.rr.com

If you are interested in a Study Circle in the Greendale Area Contact Carole Engel at 414-423-0632 or carolegeddes@gmail.com

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Interfaith Earth Network Conference, Faith Encounters The Energy Crisis - October 25th

Save the Date. Interfaith Earth Network Conference, "Faith Encounters The Energy Crisis: Transitioning To Reduced Energy Consumption" will be held on Sunday, October 25th at the Urban Ecology Center 1500 E. Park Place, Milwaukee Time: 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m

Keynote Speaker: Milwaukee Author Margaret Swedish

She will call us to face up to the consequences of abusing our earth home. She asks, "What kind of human beings will we be as we approach this difficult period in human history?" In her book, "Living Beyond the 'End of the World'", she outlines the values, the vision and the spiritual resources that might nurture a new human community and thus ensure a future for coming generations.

Workshops: Wisconsin's Focus on Energy program, the "go to place" for wise energy use; How to decrease electricity and heating use in your home and apply renewable energy; How to decrease consumption of transportation fuels; How to communicate with skeptics about global climate change; Wisconsin Energy and Climate Campaign & Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin

Registration will be on line at <http://www.interfaithearthnetwork.org/>

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Call to Action National Conference - Nov 6 - 8, 2009

For those who want to plan ahead and mark their calendar the Call to Action National Conference: "Everyone at the Table: Rejoicing as People of God!" will be held Nov 6 - 8, 2009, in Milwaukee. Go to <http://www.cta-usa.org/> for more information on the conference.

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SOA/WHINSEC - November 20-22, 2009

From Barb Messerknecht

Converge on Fort Benning, Georgia - Mass Mobilization to Shut Down the School of the Americas (SOA/WHINSEC)

The military coup by SOA graduates in Honduras has once again exposed the destabilizing and deadly effects that the School of the Americas has on Latin America. The actions of the school's graduates are unmasking the Pentagon rhetoric and reveal the anti-democratic results of U.S. policies. It is time for a change towards justice.

From November 20-22, 2009, thousands will vigil at the gates of Fort Benning, Georgia, to stand up for justice, to shut down the School of the Americas and to end the oppressive U.S. foreign policy that the school represents. The campaign to close the SOA is in a crucial phase right now. Despite promising comments from President Obama during his election campaign, the SOA/WHINSEC is still in operation and the Pentagon is moving forward with plans for new U.S. military bases in Colombia. With a Democratic administration in the White House, it appears that some Democrats in Congress are becoming timid when it comes to opposing the Pentagon.

It is up to us to keep up the pressure and to hold them accountable. People power is going to win over Pentagon lobbying! It is tremendously important that we have a strong showing at the gates of Fort Benning for the annual vigil and nonviolent direct action, in order to demonstrate that we won't go away until the SOA is shut down and the U.S. government has stopped turning to "military solutions" (or political-economic interventions) to enforce its oppressive foreign policy in Latin America. Too many people have suffered and died at the hands of SOA graduates.

You can take a stand for solidarity and justice now! Join hundreds of organizers around the country and start planning for the November vigil. Contact your local unions, universities, workers centers, social justice

organizations and faith communities and ask them to re-commit to the struggle to close the School of the Americas.

To download the SOA Watch November [organizing packet](#), for a [travel](#) guide and a [hotel](#) listing, as well as information about [accessibility](#) and information for [people without U.S. citizenship](#) and more, visit www.SOAW.org/november

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Prayer Reflection

A Meditation on the Our Father

Oh Thou, from whom the breath of life comes, who fills all realms of sound, light and vibration

May Your light be experienced in my utmost holiest

Your heavenly Domain approaches

Let Your will come true – in the universe [all that vibrates] just as on earth [that which is material and dense]

Give us wisdom, understanding, assistance, for our daily need, detach the fetters of faults that bind us, like we let go the guilt of others.

Let us not be lost in superficial things – materialism, common temptations,
but let us be freed from what keeps us from our true purpose.

From You comes the all-working will, the lively strength to act, the song that beautifies all and renews itself from age to age.

Sealed in trust faith and truth and confirmed with my entire being.

Adapted from a translation from the original Aramaic.

Passed on by Mike Garver

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