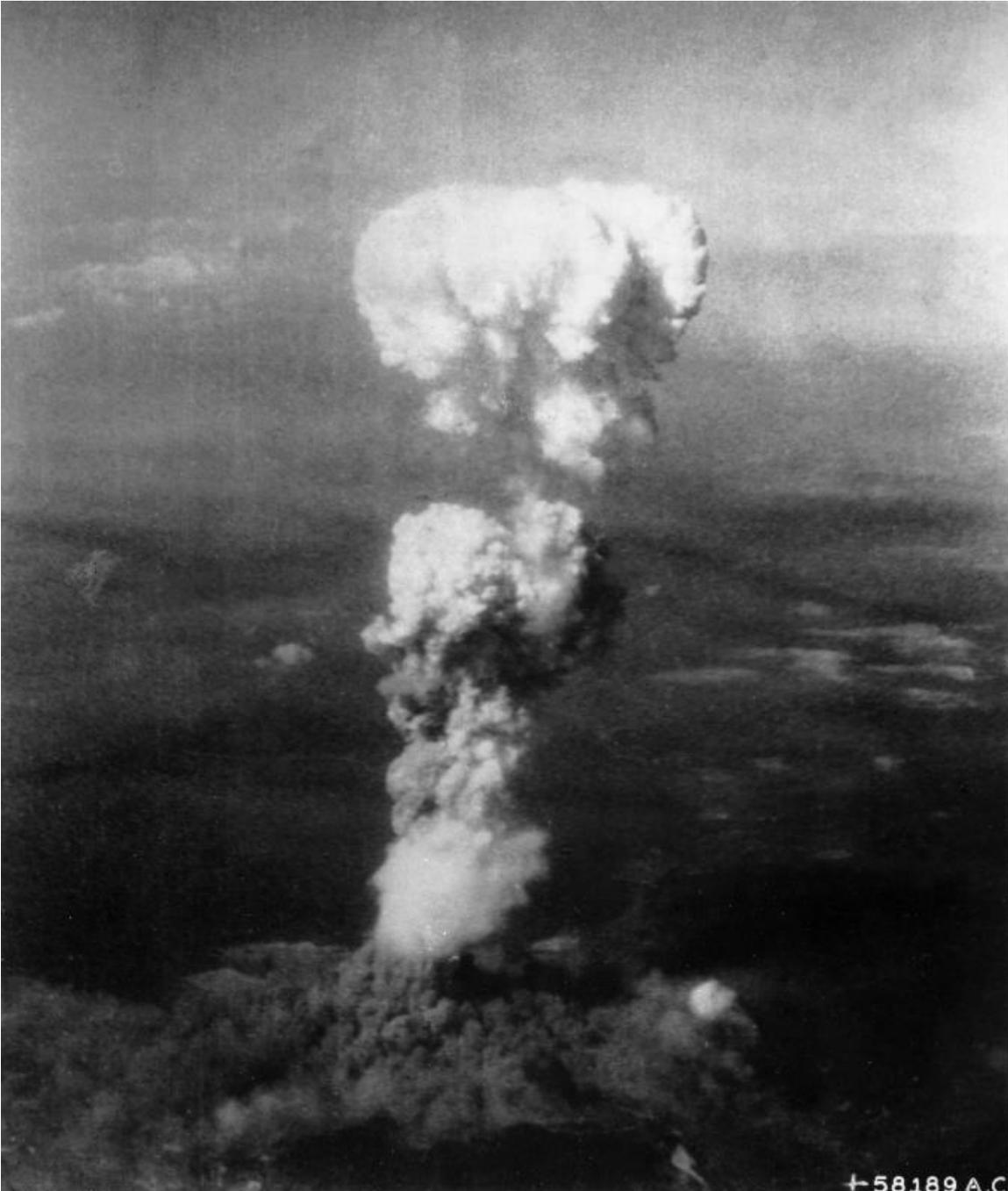




Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace
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Marking the 70th Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki



August 6th and 9th mark the anniversaries of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The dropping of these bombs caused devastation that we hope never to see again on Earth.

The following events are being held to remember and to commit ourselves to the work of preventing nuclear war, a commitment that is consistent with our congregation's traditions and charism.



Santa Fe-New Mexico- Campaign Nonviolence

CNV is hosting a four day conference, at Sante Fe New Mexico Aug 6-9 commemorating the anniversaries and offering a witness at Los Alamos, New Mexico, home of the original atomic bomb. Speakers include John Dear among many others. All events will be live streamed and you can access the streaming events at:

<http://livestream.com/streamingnm/cnnc> .

There is also a crowd-funding site if you want to donate to the cause:
<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/campaign-nonviolence-reaching-the-world--2#/story>

Other Memorials and Remembrances

Pax Christi UK offers a list of sites where commemoration services will be held. You can find the list here:

<https://mapalist.com/Public/pm.aspx?mapid=536517>

Midday, Thursday 6th August, Albert Street (Outside Marks & Spencer)

Join us on the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima to remember the victims of this inhumane attack, as well as to demand the scrapping of the Trident nuclear weapons system. It is estimated that a single Trident warhead is 8 times more destructive than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima, which killed at least 140,000 people. It is time to abandon these indiscriminate weapons of war.

There will be banners, placards, speakers, a small demonstration, some family-friendly activities and, to remember the victims, a one-minute silence. If you can attend or help out, please let us know via nottscnd@gmail.com

Nottingham

7pm, Thursday 6th August, Five Leaves Bookshop (14a, Long Row, Nottingham, NG1 2DH)

We are hosting an evening to mark the republication of the book Hiroshima by John Hersey. This outstanding account of the impact of the first atomic bomb attack played a major role in helping people outside of Japan understand what happened and, ultimately, shaped public debates around nuclear weapons.

Our guest speakers are Tony Simpson of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation and Carol Turner of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, whom will speak about different aspects of nuclear warfare. Copies of Hiroshima will be available for sale and refreshments will be served. To register, email nottscond@gmail.com

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Saturday 8th August, Rolls-Royce Raynesway, Derby

East Midlands CND is organising a vigil and highly visual, symbolic demonstration outside the Rolls-Royce facility in Derby. This is to mark the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima/Nagasaki but also to highlight the role of Rolls Royce in the Trident nuclear-armed submarine system.

We strongly urge anyone in the region to attend this event and to contact the East Mids CND's Secretary in advance via mathews@greenbee.net or by calling 01246235723.

<http://www.popsci.com/some-scientists-urge-caution-underwater-mining>

Sr. Katrina Alton participated in the monthly vigil at the gates of the Faslane Trident nuclear powered submarine base in Scotland on Saturday. The focus of the four minute meditation was Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A video meditation can be found [here](#).

Nuclear Arms Deal with Iran



After much delay and compromise, the nations of the UN Security Council and Germany have reached an agreement with Iran over a plan to eliminate Iran's ability to create nuclear weapons over the next decade while allowing Iran use of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes.

The agreement assures that Iran's compliance is verifiable.

It is likely that the Congress will disapprove of the deal. However, it is important that there be enough votes for the deal to assure that a veto by the president of congress's disapproval cannot be overridden.

It will be important for all U.S. citizens to contact their Senators and tell them not to interfere with giving the deal a chance to work. This is the best opportunity to encourage peace and prevent the expansion of armed conflict in the Middle East.

To reach your Senator, call (202) 224-3121.

CAAT and the Arms Fair

CAMPAIGN AGAINST ARMS TRADE

The second largest arms fair in the WORLD we be in London this September. It happens bi-annually and is subsidies by our UK government; yes, we tax payers help fund an arms fair at the EXCEL center in the East end of London. The CAAT site gives good info, of protests and nonviolent direct action taking place during the event. Worth noting:

August 22nd "How will you Stop The Arms Fair? Action Planning Event"
London

8th September "NO FAITH IN WAR" Organised by a group of young Christians called 'Put Down the Sword'. Sr.

Katrina will be attending this, and would be very pleased to talk with any of our sisters and associates who might be

able to join might be in that event!

See the CAAT link for more details!

<https://www.caat.org.uk/>

Progress on Criminal Justice Reform: Second Chance Act Introduced in the House

Recently, hundreds of you have joined us in calling on Congress to act on the Second Chance Act and these efforts are showing returns! Last week, the Second Chance Act was introduced in the House with broad bi-partisan support ([15 Democrat and 13 Republican co-sponsors](#)). If you have not already taken action, please [keep the pressure on your Senators to make the Second Chance Act a priority](#).

CCUSA is urging Congress to act on both the Second Chance Act and the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act. Our commitment to advancing restorative justice efforts such as these is deeply rooted in Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and the experiences of Catholic Charities agencies working with at-risk youth, prisoners and ex-offenders of all ages, and communities all across the country.

CCUSA joined with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to [submit written congressional testimony](#) calling on Congress to act and support smart and effective sentencing and criminal justice reform legislation that protects human life and dignity, ensures safe and peaceful communities, and promotes the common good. We encourage you to [read our testimony](#), and our recent letters on [the Second Chance Act](#), and the [Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act](#).

TAKE ACTION: [Join our efforts by urging your Senators to support the Second Chance Act.](#)