President’s Peace Commission Mission Statement

The President's Peace Commission fosters an ethical commitment to participate in the establishment of world peace and social justice. The Commission encourages respect for human rights and dignity of all people. The Commission annually hosts symposia that offer opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to grow in their active pursuit of peace and justice. Through the symposia and other activities, the Commission seeks to build within the St. Mary's University community a greater awareness of the Roman Catholic and Marianist perspectives on peace and justice. The President's Peace Commission reflects the University community through student, staff, and faculty representatives appointed by the University President.

For more information, please see our website:
http://www.stmarytx.edu/ppc/index.php

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Embracing Our World: Are We Accountable?

Fall 2008 Program
Tuesday, October 28 – Thursday, October 30, 2008
University Center, Conference Room A

ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Wednesday, October 22, 2008

**Election 2008: Students Debate**

**Moderators**
James Escamia, President, Student Government Association

**Location**
Conference Room A

**Co-sponsored by** Student Government Association and Service Learning Center

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

**Living Simply ≠ Not Simply Living**

**Invocation**
Rev. Bernard Lee, S.M., Th.D., Vice President for Mission and Identity, St. Mary’s

**Speakers**
Rev. Ann Helmeke, peaceCENTER of San Antonio
Greg Camacho, student, St. Mary’s
Lynette Bernot, University Ministry, St. Mary’s

**Moderator**
President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., St. Mary’s

**Nonviolence: A Dangerous Idea**

**Speakers**
Charlie M. Peña, Chief of Police, Edgewood Independent School District
L. Wayne Scott, J.D., Law School, St. Mary’s
Bill Wilkinson, American Friends Service Committee

**Moderator**
Céline Jacquemin, Ph.D., Political Science, St. Mary’s

**Epidemics, Pandemics, and Social Justice: Who’s Responsible?**

**Speaker**
Fernando A. Guerra, M.D., Director of Health, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District

**Moderator**
Gary Ogden, Ph.D., Biology, St. Mary’s

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

**Hunger and Food Insecurity: How Do We Respond?**

**Speakers**
Erica Benavides, Policy and Community Investment Manager, San Antonio Food Bank
Larry Hufford, Ph.D., Political Science, St. Mary’s

**Moderator**
Marcella Lesher, Blume Academic Library, St. Mary’s

**Technology: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**

**Speakers**
Students from High Technology and Society class, Fall 2008
Rafael Moras, Ph.D., Engineering, St. Mary’s
Jonathan Michelon, St. Mary’s

**Moderators**
Rafael Moras, Ph.D., Engineering, St. Mary’s
Mary Martinez, St. Mary’s

Thursday, October 30, 2008

**An Insight into Corporate Responsibility**

**Speakers**
K. Matthew Gilley, Ph.D., Bill Greehey Chair in Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility, St. Mary’s
Jennifer Moriarty, Community Development Officer, Wells Fargo Bank

**Moderator**
David Zapata, student, St. Mary’s

**Sustainable Human Development, One Dollar at a Time**

**Speakers**
Janie Barrera, President and Chief Executive Officer, Acción Texas
Karen Dlugosz, Individual Development Accounts Manager, Family Economic Success Program, Dept. of Community Initiatives, City of San Antonio
Greg Pardo, St. Mary’s alumnus & former volunteer, Institute for Integrated Rural Development, Bangladesh

**Moderator**
Alfonso de la Torre, student, St. Mary’s

Oct. 28–31

Stewardship is not just an idea but a way of life, learning to live through others for the good of others. The President’s Peace Commission has on exhibit pictures of Taiwan and Taiwanese culture that capture the beauty and simplicity of life in a foreign land.