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 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.

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To receive periodic updates about upcoming President's Peace Commission programs at St. Mary's University, please send an email to: stmuppc-announce-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

For information about our programs, see our web site at http://www.stmarytx.edu/ppc/

Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events:

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Thursday, November 11th
4 PM, University Center, Conference Room A
Co-Sponsors: International Education Programs
President's Peace Commission
University Ministry
Celebrating International Education Week

President's Peace Commission Spring 2005 Program
Tuesday, March 15 – Thursday, March 17

Where Is Your Voice?
A President’s Peace Commission Program
Focusing on Civic Engagement

Tuesday, October 26 – Thursday, October 28, 2004
University Center, Conference Room A

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Civic engagement is becoming a more intentional part of college curricula throughout the United States. As St. Mary’s University’s Vision 2006 strategic plan promotes civic engagement, this program explores some of the moral, social, and political aspects of this concept.

Tuesday, October 26, 2004
9:45 AM – 11:00 AM: Civic Engagement: Did You Just Tune Out?
Moderator: Charles L. Cotrell, President, St. Mary’s University
Panelists: Matt Jones, German Lopez, Irene Muñiz, and Chris Villa, Students, St. Mary’s University and August 2004 participants in "Pathways to Participation: Volunteering and Voting" conference in Washington, DC

11:10 AM – 12:25 PM: Have Passport, Will Engage: International Opportunities
Moderator: Minita Santizo, Director, International Education Programs, St. Mary’s University
Panelists: Stephen Berchelmann, Alumnus, St. Mary’s University
Celine A. Jacquemin, PhD, Political Science, St. Mary’s University

12:35 PM – 1:50 PM: Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility
"In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue; participation in the political process is a moral obligation.” —US Conference of Catholic Bishops
Moderator: Rev. Bernard J. Lee, SM, ThD, Assistant Chancellor, St. Mary’s University
Panelists: Peter Monod, Director, Office of Social Concerns, Archdiocese of San Antonio
Patti Radle, City Council Member, District 5, San Antonio

It also promises to provide some tangible ways for our university members to engage in the larger community. Following two days of class time sessions, designed for course integration, a civic engagement fair on Thursday, October 28 will complement these sessions.

Wednesday, October 27, 2004
9:20 AM – 10:10 AM: My Vote, My Voice—"I Think I Have Laryngitis"
Moderator: Jeremiah Ellis, President’s Peace Commission
Panelists: Christina García, Gheran “G” Goddard, and Henry Van de Putte, Students, St. Mary’s University

10:20 AM – 11:10 AM: It’s Not My Major. Why Should I Care?
Moderator: Carrie Gaines, President’s Peace Commission
Panelists: Raphael Moras, PhD, Engineering, St. Mary’s University
Paul X. Uhlig, PhD, Mathematics, St. Mary’s University

11:20 AM – 12:10 PM: Getting Beyond the Headlines: The Media and Social Responsibility
Moderator: Kathe Lehman-Meyer, Director, Learning Resources Center, St. Mary’s University
Panelists: Bruce Davidson, Associate Editor, Editorial Page, San Antonio Express-News
Clara Rivas, Vice-President and General Manager, KVDA-TV

12:20 PM – 1:10 PM: Finding the Leader within You: Connecting Your Passion with Action
Moderator: Patricia Mejia, President’s Peace Commission
Panelists: Leticia Cavazos, Alumna, St. Mary’s University
Caroline Hallman, Student, St. Mary’s University

Thursday, October 28, 2004
10 AM – 2 PM: Civic Engagement Fair
Location: The Quadrangle, St. Mary’s University
Rain Site: University Center, Conference Room A