Human Rights Have No Borders

focusing on the history and progress of human rights during this century as viewed through the articles outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

October 26 - 28, 1999
University Center, Conference Room A

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY
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Tuesday, October 26, 1999

9:45 am  Beginnings: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights
Host: Sophia Henrichs, President’s Peace Commission
Yolanda Leyva, PhD, History, University of Texas at San Antonio
Larry Hufford, PhD, International Relations & Political Science, St. Mary’s University

11:10 am  What is My Nation? Borders and Identity
Host: Alice Kersnowski, PhD, President’s Peace Commission
Elijah Akshakha, PhD, English/Communication Studies, St. Mary’s University
Don Clark, PhD, International Relations & History, Trinity University

Article 15.
(1) Everyone has the right to a nationality.
(2) No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality.

12:35 pm  "Will Work for Food": The Right to Employment
Host: Fr. John Mode, SM, PhD, President, St. Mary’s University
Euphemias Rangel, Director, Learning & Leadership Development Center
Valentina Arriola, Community Liaison, Project QUEST (Quality Employment Through Skills Training)
G.C. Dean, Alamo Workforce Development

Article 23.
(1) Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.
(2) Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work.
(3) Everyone who works has the right to just and favourable remuneration ensuring for himself and his family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemental, if necessary, by other means of social protection.
(4) Everyone has the right to form and join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

Related Community events of interest
*7:30 PM Father Roy Bourgeois, MM - School of the Americas Watch, University of the Incarnate Word, Marian Hall ballroom

Wednesday, October 27, 1999

9:20 am  Arte es Vida: The Human Right to Culture
Host: Bro. Mike Sullivan, SM, Music, St. Mary’s University
Amy Kastely, JD, Board Member, Esperanza Center & Law School, St. Mary’s University
Steve Bailey, Executive Director, JumpStart Theatre
Antonia Caraballo, PhD, Board Member, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center; History, St. Mary’s University

Article 27.
(1) Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits.
(2) Everyone has the right to the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he is the author.

10:20 am  It Still Takes a Village: Community Responsibility and Human Rights
Host: María Carmona, President’s Peace Commission
Ernanis Falcone, President, Amnesty International-San Antonio
Stephen Calogero, PhD, Philosophy, St. Mary’s University

Article 29.
(1) Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible.
(2) In the exercise of his rights and freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic society.
(3) These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.
"Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor, Your Huddled Masses...": Immigration & Asylum in the US
Host: Leona Pallanich, PhD, President's Peace Commission
Terry Coenen, JD, Refugee & International Human Rights
Angel Cortez, Computer Science/Mathematics, St. Mary's University; refugee worker

Article 9.
No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.
Article 14.
1. Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.
2. This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

12:20 pm
Capital Punishment: Where Does Justice End and Vengeance Begin?
Host: Victoria Hurtado, President's Peace Commission
Roger Barnes, PhD, Associate Professor, Sociology, University of the Incarnate Word
Jeffrey J. Pokorak, JD, Clinical Professor, Law & Acting Director of Clinical Programs, St. Mary’s University

Article 3.
Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Related Community events of interest
7:30 PM Elie Wiesel, 1986 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Weinberg Campus, Jewish Community Center; admission $15

Thursday, October 28, 1999

9:45 am
Health Care: B or $
Host: Immaculada de Melo-Martín, PhD, President's Peace Commission
Susan F. Zinn, JD, Texas Legal Aid
Meredith B. McGuire, PhD, Sociology and Anthropology, Trinity University

Article 25.
1. Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and wellbeing of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.
2. Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection.

11:10 am
Educating the Whole Person in the Whole Community
Host: Dynan Arredondo, President’s Peace Commission
Judith Maxwell, PhD, Anthropology and Linguistics, Tulane University
Tom DeKunder, EdD, Superintendent, Marion Independent School District

Article 26.
1. Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.
2. Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.
3. Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.

12:35 pm
Catholic Social Teaching and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
Host: J. Michael Parker, Religion Writer, San Antonio Express-News
Tom Keene, Pax Christi USA
Prof. Roy Robbins, Economics, St. Mary's University

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted
The complete text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights can be found at <http://www.un.org/Overview/rights.html>
THE PRESIDENT'S PEACE COMMISSION

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The Commission serves to create within the St. Mary's University community an awareness of the Roman Catholic perspective as a foundation for directing the dialogue among the broad and varied human and religious enterprises, themselves directed toward peace. It especially takes direction from the United States Catholic Conference and the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

The Peace Commission, founded in 1984, is comprised of students, staff, and faculty, all with equal status.

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Tuesday, March 7 - Thursday, March 9, 2000
Peace: An Active Approach / La Paz: Un Acercamiento Activo

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