Note: Some of the topics discussed during this program may bring out strong, and sometimes unexpected, feelings or emotions. There are resources on campus to help you discuss these issues: the Counseling & Testing Center (436-3135), Campus Ministry (436-3213), and the Health Center (436-3506) are available or can provide an appropriate referral.

THE PRESIDENT'S PEACE COMMISSION

The purpose of the President's Peace Commission is to foster ethical commitment to participate in the establishment of world peace. That purpose recognizes that a respect for human rights and the dignity of all people is essential to any such commitment.

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 at least five students, five staff, and five faculty, all with equal status.

If you would like more information about the President's Peace Commission, please contact any one of its members:

Students: Marida Carmona, Vanessa Manning, Christina Montoya, A. Kristina Rodriguez

Staff: Cecilia Aguilar, Neomi DeAnda, Judy Geelhoed, Missy Tobia

Faculty: Diane M. Duesterhoeft, Sonia R. Garcia, Larry Hufford, Alice Kersnowski, Richard S. Pressman

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From Beginnings to Peace: A Focus on World Religions
19 - 21 October 1998
Children Today

Location: University Center, Conference A, unless otherwise noted

Monday, March 30, 1998

13th Annual President’s Peace Concert

7:30  Hope for the Children: Readings & Music
p.m.  Location: Guadalupe Chapel

Featuring the SMU Concert Choir, Saint Mary's Hall Children's Choir, &
St. Andrew's United Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

Nurturing Healthy Children
a.m.  Host: Dr. Barbara Hardin, Director, Counseling & Testing Center, SMU
     Dr. Sharon McMahon, San Antonio Play Therapy Institute
     Marilyn Stavinoha, Board Member, San Antonio Association for the
     Education of Young Children

11:10  Educating Children for Survival
a.m.  Host: Dr. Sonia R. Garcia, PPC
     Virginia McDaniel, LPC, Child Abuse Prevention Services
     Susana Lopez, Hispanas Unicas
     Mercedes Colon, Avance

12:35  Looking Through the Child’s Eyes: The Abuse Experience
p.m.  Host: Dr. Larry Hufford, PPC
     Dr. Nancy Kellogg, Pediatrics, UTHSC-SA
     Dr. Thomas Hoffman, Political Science, SMU
     Kate Campbell, Child Advocates of San Antonio

6:30  Confronting the Holocaust & Other Fears: Children as Survivors
p.m.  Host: Fr. Charles H. Miller, Dean, Humanities & Social Sciences, SMU
     Dr. Patricia Owen, Psychology, SMU
     Oscar Ehrenberg, Auschwitz Concentration Camp survivor

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

9:20  Clashing Cultures: Children of Immigrants
a.m.  Host: Cecilia Aguilar, PPC
     Nora V. Demleitner, Law School, SMU
     Terry Koonan, Attorney-at-Law, Refugee & International Human Rights
     Peter Vallecillo, Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights,
     Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Opportunities in the Not-for-Profit World
Careers, Internships, part-time jobs, and volunteer work in
the fastest growing sector of the economy
Location: University Center Atrium - lower level
Sponsor: San Antonio Colleges & Universities Placement Association (SACUPA)

10:20  Righting Wrongs Against Children
a.m.  Host: A. Kristina Rodriguez, PPC
     Ana Nova, Director, Civil Justice Clinic, SMU
     Christopher Jonas, Education Attorney, Corpus Christi

11:20  Getting in Trouble: Children in the Justice System
a.m.  Host: Neomi Deanda, PPC
     Sandy Villarreal, Gonzales Achievement Center, SAISD
     Christopher J. Phillips, Youth Achievement Foundation, Devine, TX

12:20  The World Hunger Banquet  Location: Conference B
p.m.  Host: Vanessa Manning, PPC
     A lunch as experienced by children around the world — free!

12:20  Celebrating the Children of Resistance
p.m.  Host: Fr. John J. Moder, President, SMU
     Keynote Speaker: Robert Meapol, Esq., Executive Director,
     Rosenberg Fund for Children, Springfield, MA

Thursday, April 2, 1998

Creating Heroes & Heroines through Children’s Literature
9:45 a.m.  Host: Marida Carmona, PPC
     Diane Gonzales Bertrand, English, SMU, children’s author
     Paul Rode, former Principal, Cambridge Elem., Alamo Heights ISD
     Kathleen Muldoon, freelance writer and Advocate for Persons with
     Disabilities, Justice & Peace Office, Archdiocese of San Antonio

11:10  Protecting Children’s Health
a.m.  Host: Dr. Terri Bogges, Assistant to the Academic VP, SMU
     Dr. Jerri Abrams, Northwest Pediatrics Associates
     Dr. Steven R. Pizska, Chief, Div. of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, UTHSC-SA
     Dr. Richard Wayne, Director, Santa Rosa Children's Hospital

12:35  Educating All Our Children
p.m.  Host: Dr. Misey Tobia, PPC
     Dr. Jerry Christian, Superintendent, Alamo Heights ISD
     Dr. Mary Ward, Superintendent, Ingram ISD
     Dr. Mildred West, Instructional Steward, San Antonio ISD