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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Are We Good Neighbors?
University In Community
Spring 2007 Program
Tuesday, March 20–Thursday, March 22, 2007
University Center, Conference Room A

ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Tuesday, March 20

9:45–11:00  Am I My Neighbor’s Keeper?
Invocation: Rev. Bernard Lee, SM, ThD, Vice President for Mission & Identity
Speakers: Teresa and Felipe Barajas, Holy Rosary Catholic Church
   Luis Alonzo, Learning Instructor, StMU
   Angie Cortez, Staff Member, StMU
   Frank González, Student, StMU
   Stephanie Solano, Student, StMU
Moderator: Wayne Romo, Director, University Ministry, StMU and PPC

11:10–12:25  Models of Town-Gown Collaboration
Speakers: Charles Cotrell, PhD, President, StMU
   Dick Ferguson, Executive Director, Fitz Center for Leadership in Community, U of Dayton
Moderator: Melissa Shippett, 21st Century Leadership Center, StMU and PPC, StMU Alumna

12:35–1:50  Enhancing Our Community:
   Westside Development Corporation
Speakers: Chris R. Martínez, Vice President, Central Electric, President, Westside Development Corporation
   Henry Flores, PhD, Dean, Graduate School, StMU, StMU Alumnus
   Ramón Flores, Director, Westside Development Corporation
Moderator: Floyd Contreras, Student, StMU and PPC

Wednesday, March 21

   A Biblical Perspective
Speakers: Rita Velásquez, Associate Director, Lay Ministry Institute, Oblate School of Theology
   Bonnie Lame Abadie, Director, Pastoral Lay Ministry Programs, Oblate School of Theology
   Don Arispe, 21st Century Leadership Center, StMU, StMU Alumnus
Moderator: Rev. Rudy Vela, SM, DMin, Theology, StMU

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11:20–12:10  ¡Salud! Promoting Better Health
Speaker: Fernando Martínez, PhD, Northwest Vista College
Moderator: Sandra Vásquez, MD, Student Health Center, StMU, StMU Alumna

Thursday, March 22

9:45–11:00  Smart Money: The University and the Local Economy
Speakers: Steven R. Nivin, PhD, Economic Development Department, City of San Antonio
   Ramiro A. Cavazos, Director, Research and Economic Development, UT Health Science Center of San Antonio
Moderator: Roy Robbins, Economics, StMU

11:10–12:25  Fact Versus Fiction: Community Safety
Speakers: Paul F. Glowacki, Chief of Police, StMU
   Yolanda Segovia, Bexar County District Attorney’s Office
   Rev. Jimmy David Drennon, Pastor, St. Paul’s Catholic Church
Moderator: Rebeckah Day, Vice President, Administration and Finance, StMU

12:35–1:50  Caminando con la comunidad:
   Walking with the Community
Speakers: Elena Guajardo, District 7 Councilwoman
   Rick Idar, President, University Park Neighborhood Association
Moderator: Patricia Mejía, Director, 21st Century Leadership Center, StMU and PPC, StMU Alumna

7:00 p.m.  Art of Peace Award and President’s Peace Concert
Recital Hall, Treadaway Hall
An evening of music and poetry in honor of poet Trinidad Sanchez
Awarded posthumously