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 fifteen members: 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 one of the co-coordinators: Mary Ann Kleine, student, 436-3107; Marianne Leal, staff, 436-3737; Dr. Richard Pressman, faculty, 436-3107.

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The President's Peace Commission
March 15-16, 1989
Treadaway Auditorium

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY
Wednesday, March 15:
The Struggle for Justice: South African Apartheid

9:20 a.m. Welcome: Rev. John Moder, S.M., President, St. Mary's University

Introduction: Mary Ann Kleine, PPC

What is the Situation Today?
Why is the Anti-Apartheid Struggle Justified?

Dr. Sebileto Matabane, African National Congress, South Africa

10:20 a.m. Introduction: Dr. Alice Frantzke, PPC

What is the Position of the South African Government?

Willem Swanepoel, Consul, Republic of South Africa,
Houston Consulate-General

11:20 a.m. Introduction: Marianne Leal, PPC

What Has South Africa Got to Do With Us Americans?

Prof. Gregory Hudspeth, Political Science, St. Philip's College,
specialist in South Africa

Dr. Sebileto Matabane, African National Congress, South Africa

Mario Salas, Moderator of the Black Entertainment Television weekly commentary program, Left-Bank Speakout

12:20 p.m. Are Sanctions Helpful or Harmful in the Struggle for Justice?

A Public Forum Hosted by Dr. Philip Meeks, Political Science

2:30 p.m. Cry Freedom, feature film, Media Viewing Room

& 7 p.m.

4:30 p.m. "A Children's View of Apartheid," Media Viewing Room (16 min.)

& 9 p.m.

5 p.m., Bhopa (Arrest), drama, Media Viewing Room (one hour)

Thursday, March 16
The Struggle for Justice: The Palestinian Intifadah

9:45 a.m. Introduction: Dr. Richard Pressman, PPC

What is the Image of the Arab, as Projected in the Media and Politics?

Naomi Shihab Nye, Palestinian-American and San Antonio poet,
a poetic reflection

Georgy Orfalea, Washington, D.C., author of Before the Flames:
A Quest for the History of Arab Americans

11:10 a.m. What Are the Opposing Positions on the Intifadah?

A Debate Moderator: Rev. Charles Miller, S.M., Dean,
School of Humanities and Social Sciences, St. Mary's University

For Israel: Professor Abraham Zilkha, Department of Oriental and African Languages and Literature, University of Texas, Austin

For Palestine: Professor Robert Vitalis, Government Department,
University of Texas, Austin.

2:30 p.m. "The Israel-Palestine Conflict: A CBS Docudrama," Media Viewing Room

& 7 p.m.

4 p.m. "The West Bank from Within" (one hour), Media Viewing Room

& 8:30 p.m.