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 students, staff, and faculty, all with equal status. If you would like more information about the President's Peace Commission, please contact any one of its members:

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Spring Program
...And Forgive Us Our Debtors
Tuesday, March 20 - Thursday, March 22, 2001

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Why (Not) Vote?

University Center, Conference Room A
Monday, October 23-
Wednesday, October 25, 2000
Why (Not) Vote?

All events are free and open to the public.

Monday, October 23, 2000: Why We Don't Vote

9:20 a.m. Barriers to Voting
Host: Sonia Garcia, PhD, Political Science, StMU & PPC
Rev. Andrew Hernandez, Writer in Residence, Political Science, StMU
Sylvia Romo, Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector/County Voter Registrar

10:20 a.m. "Y" Don't You Vote? Voting Patterns In Generation Y
Host: Michael Kolenc, President, We the People
Mike Villareal, Texas House of Representatives, District 115
Damaso Torres, StMU student

11:20 a.m. Political Campaigns: America the Beautiful?
Host: Mary Lynne Gasaway Hill, PhD, English/Communication Studies, StMU
Neftali Garcia, PhD, Bexar County Sheriff's Office
Neft Garcia, Jr.

12:20 p.m. Your Political IQ
Host: Leonia Palfainsch, PhD, Political Science, StMU & PPC
Elaine Talaris, President, SA League of Women Voters & Political Science, StMU

1:45 p.m. The Disenfranchised: The Right to Vote?
Host: Ryan Byrd, StMU Law student
Nora Demleitner, JD, LLM, Law, StMU

Tuesday, October 24, 2000: Why We Do Vote

9:45 a.m. "Men's Rights and No More, Women's Rights and No Less"
Readings from the Women's Suffrage Movement
Host: Sophia Henricts, PPC
Bernadette Hamilton, MFA, Drama, StMU
Xochitl Martinez, StMU student
Felipe Peralta, StMU student

11:10 a.m. Does God Vote? Religion and Politics
Host: Thomas Hoffman, PhD, Political Science, StMU
Al Gray, St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Metro Alliance
Sr. Susan Mikas, OSB, Director, Benedictine Resource Center
Peter Monod, Director, Office of Social Concerns, Archdiocese of San Antonio

12:35 p.m. The Struggle to Vote: International Students Speak Out
Co-sponsored by the Issue Team on Central America of the
Marxist Social Justice Collaborative (MSJC)
Host: Cesar Coro, President, International Student Association (INSTA) &
StMU student (Bolivia)
Co-Host: Andrew Hill, JD, Associate Dean of Students, StMU & PPC
Veliana Escobeda Carranza, StMU student (Mexico)
Jacobo Paz, StMU student (Honduras)
Lourdes Paz, StMU student (Honduras)

Wednesday, October 25, 2000: A New Frontier for a New Millennium: Campaign Issues

9:20 a.m. Don't Drink the Water? The Fluoridation Debate
Host: Kevin Francis Day, Campus Ministry, StMU & PPC
John P. Brown, PhD, Chair, Community Dentistry, UTHSC-SA
John Morony, Biological Sciences, San Antonio College

10:20 a.m. Hard Times for Soft Money: Campaign Finance Reform
Host: Gabriel Sanchez, President, Student Government Association, StMU
Robert R. Bischelto, Alliance for Democracy
Suzy Woodruff, Texas Common Cause

11:20 a.m. It Still Matters! Foreign Policy and the US Presidential Election
Host: Rose Ramos, PPC
Nick Sisian, Speaker of the House, Student Government Association (SGA), StMU
Chiselda Pacheco, Student Regional Coordinator, Amnesty International &
UIW student

12:20 p.m. Show Me the Money: The School Voucher Debate
Host: Mónica Carmona, PPC
Noé Saucedo, EdD, Superintendent, Edgewood ISD
David Ochoa, Public Information Officer, Edgewood ISD
Gary Scott, PhD, Economics, StMU

1:45 p.m. Earth on the Ballot: Environmental Issues in the Election Year 2000
Host: Inmaculada de Melo-Martín, PhD, Philosophy, StMU & PPC
Adán Balboa, Environmental Rescue, StMU [Buchanan and Bush]
Nubia Andrea Páez, Environmental Rescue, StMU [Gore and Nader]

6:30 p.m. The Oxymorons
Co-sponsored by the University Programming Council
Comedy troupe performs political satire