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:

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Why Vote?

All programs will be held in the University Center, Conference Room A.

Tuesday, 29 October 1996

9:45 Why Vote?: Voter Responsibilities
a.m.  Host: Mónica González, PPC
       Esther Cumutt, Freedom Force and
       League of Women Voters
       Johnny Rodriguez, Southwest Voter Research Institute

11:10 The Media and Politics: Talk Radio/Trash
a.m.  Television and Negative Campaign Ads
       Host: Dr. Larry Hufford, PPC
       Dr. Richard Gambitta, Political Science, UTSA
       Dr. Tucker Gibson, Political Science, Trinity Univ.

12:35 Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Women and Politics
p.m.  Host: Prof. Sondra Sugerman, English, SMU
       Maria Berriosabal, former SA City Council member and
       Mayoral candidate
       Prof. Sonia Garcia, Political Science, SMU
       Helen Dutmer, former SA City Council member

6:30 Film: ¡Chicano! - Fighting for Political Power
p.m.  Dr. Charles Cotrell, Academic Vice-President, SMU
       Rosie Castro, former La Raza Unida Party member
       José Angel Gutiérrez, UT-Arlington, former organizer,
       La Raza Unida Party
       Carlos Guerra, journalist, San Antonio Express-News
       and KENS-TV, former La Raza Unida Party member

Wednesday, 30 October 1996

9:20 “We the People”: The Power of Voter Representation
a.m.  Host: Fr. John Moder, President, SMU
       Marisela Aguirre, Political Science major, SMU
       Dr. Henry Flores, Political Science, SMU
       Prof. José Roberto “Beto” Juarez, School of Law, SMU

10:20 Cents & Sensibilities: Issues in Campaign Financing
a.m.  Host: Dr. Stephen Calogero, PPC
       Susie Woodford, Common Cause, Austin

11:20 How Should a Candidate's Character be Judged?
       a.m.  Host: Dr. Colleen Nolan, PPC
              Dr. Steven Neihiesel, Political Science, StMU
              Enrique Rangel, Journalist, Monterrey (Mexico) Bureau,
              Dallas Morning News

12:20 Religion and Politics in the New Millennium:
       Catholic and Other Perspectives
       p.m.  Host: Dr. Kenneth Craycraft, Theology, StMU
              Fr. Mike DeGerolame, Director, Justice & Peace Office,
              Archdiocese of San Antonio
              Dr. Thomas Hoffman, Political Science, StMU

6:30 Should Religion Be Involved in Politics?
       p.m.  Host: Dr. Larry Hufford, PPC
              Van Archer, former San Antonio City Council member and
              Republican Party activist
              Cecile Richards, Texas Freedom Network

Thursday, 31 October 1996

9:45 Made in America?: Immigration, Jobs and Politics
a.m.  Host: Dr. Richard S. Pressman, PPC
       David Peña, StMU Law student and former Community Outreach
       Coordinator, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, Immigrants, &
       Refugee Rights Project
       O’leen Stone, District Director for US Rep. Lamar Smith
       Lee Teran, SMU Law School Immigration & Human Rights Clinic

11:10 Unraveling the Knotted Debate over Welfare Reform:
       Why Is It an Election Issue?
       a.m.  Host: Cecilia Aguilar, PPC
              J. Richard Avena, Regional Civil Rights Director,
              Texas Department of Human Services
              State Rep. Leticia Van de Putte, San Antonio

12:35 Students! Rock the Vote!
       p.m.  Host: Judy Geelhoed, PPC
              Carolyn Gutiérrez, Vice-President of Internal Affairs, SGA
              Erick Romero, Senator, SGA
              Rob Wemersbach, President, SGA
              Maria Xin, President, MEChA
              Roseann Ybarra, Editor-in-Chief, The Rattler