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: Liz Ann Baez Aguilar, Yamin S. Aguilar, Meridith Alvarez, Tina Holguín, Rachel Kellar, Kathleen Taggart

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A PROGRAM OF THE PRESIDENT’S PEACE COMMISSION

29–30 MARCH 1995

UNIVERSITY CENTER, ROOM A

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All programs will be held in University Center Room A.

In the UC Atrium:
- Two panels from the National AIDS Quilt.
- Representatives from San Antonio agencies dealing with AIDS.

Wednesday, 29 March
8:15 FILM: Philadelphia
pm Starring: Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington
Discussant: Dr. Colleen Nolan, Biology, PPC

Thursday, 30 March
9:45 MEDICAL ASPECTS: How Do We Get It? What Does It Do to Us? How Do We Prevent It?
am Host: Rev. Dr. John Moder, StMU President
Dr. Charles Lerner, Infectious Diseases, MD, PA
Dr. Jonathan Richmond, Director of the Office of Health and Safety, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

11:10 SOCIAL ASPECTS: How Does It Affect Ourselves, Our Family, Our Friends, Our Community?
Host: Paul Combest, SM, PPC
Sr. Mona Smiley, SC, American Red Cross
Ray Hall, Director, House of Hope
Shari Sherman, Teacher, North East ISD

12:35 LEGAL AND ETHICAL ASPECTS: How Are We Treated? What Are Our Rights? What Do We Do When Our Rights Are Not Respected?
pm Host: Cecilia Aguilar, Law Staff, PPC
Fr. William Ellos, SJ, Miller Chair on Medical and Biomedical Ethics, StMU
Adela Santos, JD, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

2:00 A DAY IN THE LIFE: What is AIDS? What is It Like to Live With It?
pm Host: Judy Geelhoed, Service Learning Center, PPC
A presentation by the San Antonio AIDS Foundation.

7:00 JUDGE OR BE JUDGED: A Group Interaction
pm Facilitator: Deirdra Coleman, Counseling, StMU
A session with student participants from San Antonio universities.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Texas ranks fourth among the states for total AIDS cases. (Texas Department of Health)
- Texas ranks eighth in the nation with a rate of 18.2 cases per 100,000 people. (Texas Department of Health)
- As of 1993, approximately 14 million people had contracted HIV all over the world. (World Health Organization)
- In 1991, 75% of the worldwide HIV transmissions occurred heterosexually. By the year 2000, up to 90% will occur heterosexually. (World Health Organization)
- 77% of new AIDS patients are heterosexual. (S.A. AIDS Foundation)
- In 1993, AIDS was the #1 cause of death in men ages 25-44 and in women of color ages 15-44. (S.A. AIDS Foundation)
- 44% of newly diagnosed people with AIDS are women. (S.A. AIDS Foundation)
- An estimated 7000 people in Bexar County are HIV positive and do NOT know. (S.A. AIDS Foundation)
- AIDS is growing fastest among 13-25 year-olds. (S.A. AIDS Foundation)