

On Line and On Point

MARY MOTHER OF JESUS INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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1945 HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI

BOMBINGS—Today, August 6, 2022 is the 77th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It is a time of remembering the horror, repenting the sin and reclaiming a future without nuclear weapons. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the work of disarming and dismantling the machinery of mass destruction and abolishing war.

Pope Francis has declared that the possession of nuclear weapons is immoral and 66 countries have now ratified the new UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) which entered into force on January 22, 2021, thereby making nuclear weapons illegal under International law. The nine nuclear-armed nations — the United States, Russia, United Kingdom, France, China, Israel, India, Pakistan and North Korea — have not signed the treaty, nor has any nation from the NATO alliance. The Biden Administration is committed to the modernization of U.S. nuclear forces, as evidenced by its proposed 2023 nuclear weapons budget request of \$50.9 billion, a 17 percent increase over this year's \$43.2 billion. The U.S. nuclear arsenal upgrade now underway is estimated to cost \$1.7 trillion over the



next several decades, while poverty increases, the climate crisis worsens and basic human needs go unmet. In January of this year, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists turned the Doomsday Clock to 100 seconds before midnight. This determination occurred just prior to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. This conflict has further exacerbated the nuclear peril between the two foremost nuclear powers as both Russia and U.S. nuclear arsenals are now on high alert.

We furthermore offer repentance for our nation's possession and threatened use of nuclear weapons to enforce a world order based on systemic racism and the destruction of the cultural and biological diversity of our planet.--from *The New York Catholic Worker's prayer service, 2022*

OFFERINGS—If you have made a recent donation to our community, we thank you for your generosity. We are most grateful for your demonstrated care and concern. Much appreciated. Please remember to make your regular donations to MMOJ, by sending your check to MMOJ % St. Andrew UCC, 6908 Beneva Road, Sarasota. FL 34238.

Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community Mission Statement

We are a Christ-centered community of equals, consisting of women and men, ordained and non-ordained, empowered by the Spirit whose mission is to worship, to serve, to promote compassion, justice, peace and care for creation. Come join us.

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Remember: MMOJ continues to donate 5% of all received offerings each month to Outreach, which will continue to focus on real issues of food and hunger in our surrounding communities.

OUTREACH—The current recipient of our offered financial support is the **Community Foundation of Sarasota Season of Sharing**. As a vital safety net, Season of Sharing is a trusted way for neighbors to support one another, whatever the crisis, be it hurricanes, Red Tide, economic downturns or even a global pandemic.

MOVIE CORNER

In an outlandish scheme to trick the Nazis as to the Allied landing "somewhere" in the Southern Mediterranean Sea area, two British Intelligence officers and two women techs hatch a plan called "Operation Mincemeat." With much effort given to cover an invasion of Sicily by trying to leave around evidence that Greece is the real landing area, it actually describes a plan used by the Allies. But, this movie details more vividly a romance that involves all parties one way or another. No violence. Good acting. Moves along nicely. Many thanks to Russ for this week's review. Operation Mincemeat, starring Colin Firth, Matthew Macfadyen and Kelly Macdonald, is available for streaming on Netflix. —*Beth Ponce*. Send your suggestions of movies to watch, to ponce.beth@gmail.com

BOOKS—John Dear, [Living Peace: A Spirituality of Contemplation and Action](#)—This book is recommended to us by Mary Kay Staudohar. *She says, "I'm interested in personal transformation as the basis for nonviolence and people's practice and*

experience of that." This book certainly offers such practical experience. On the frontispiece, Martin Sheen is quoted as saying: "A deeply moving and profoundly inspiring account of John Dear's journey of inevitable courage, boundless faith, unquestionable hope and unconditional love."

The text is in three parts, the connection enriched by reflecting on John's personal journey: 1. The Depths of Peace: The Inner Journey; 2. The Heights of Peace: the Public Journey [living nonviolently]; 3. The Horizons of Peace [Reaching into communal depths: Loving Your Enemies; Building Community; Forgiving Seventy Times Seven; Persistent Reconciliation; Hope Upon Hope]. . Crown Publishing, 240 pages.

ADDED STAFF MEMBER—With Anna Davis moving to Connecticut and Lee Breyer recently resigning for a host of reasons, **Dorothy Sadowski** gladly accepted to be our newest text reviewer.

FOOD—"Globalized industrialized food is not cheap: it is too costly for the Earth, for the farmers, for our health. The Earth can no longer carry the burden of groundwater mining, pesticide pollution, disappearance of species and destabilization of the climate. Farmers can no longer carry the burden of debt, which is inevitable in industrial farming with its high costs of production. It is incapable of producing safe, culturally appropriate, tasty, quality food. And it is incapable of producing enough food for all because it is wasteful of land, water and energy. Industrial agriculture uses ten times more energy than it produces. It is thus ten times less efficient."—*Vandana Shiva*

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