


Catholic Church's Teaching on War and Peace

WASHINGTON - In light of recent public comments regarding the Catholic Church's teaching on war and peace, Bishop James Massa, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine, issued the following statement:

"For over a thousand years, the Catholic Church has taught just war theory and it is that long tradition the Holy Father carefully references in his comments on war. A constant tenet of that thousand-year tradition is a nation can only legitimately take up the sword 'in self-defense, once all peace efforts have failed' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, [no. 2308](#)). That is, to be a just war it must be a defense against another who actively wages war, which is what the Holy Father [actually said](#): 'He does not listen to the prayers of those who wage war.'

"When Pope Leo XIV speaks as supreme pastor of the universal Church, he is not merely offering opinions on theology, he is preaching the Gospel and exercising his ministry as the Vicar of Christ. The consistent teaching of the Church is insistent that all people of good will must pray and work toward lasting peace while avoiding the evils and injustices that accompany all wars."

We're looking for helping hands and willing hearts to serve in our church community! Whether you have a little time or a lot, there's a place for you.

 Opportunities include:

- **Greeting & welcoming guests**
- **Choir Members**
- **Altar Servers**
- * **Weekday Lectors**

Serving is a great way to connect, grow, and make a meaningful impact. Sign up today or call the church office for more details! We'd love to have you be part of the team!



PREPARATIONS FOR A NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

We need help assembling the directory. Thank you to those who have already offered your time last week.

If anyone has experience using CANVA please EMAIL the office. We have chosen that program (Web Based) to be our platform. An organizational meeting will be scheduled soon. Please check your email.

**OCIA starts Friday August 14th at
3:00 pm in the Parish Office.**

**We will have our Introductions
and will be featuring a Tour of the
Church and the purpose of the
different items.**

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE: One of the tenants to live life as a practical Catholic is to have our civil marriages blessed in the Church. A civil marriage is legal, usually celebrated in front of a judge in a courthouse. Catholics are unable to receive Holy Communion at Mass when married outside the Church with no dispensation. Please contact Fr. Seabo for a confidential meeting if this situation effects you. The process is not complicated.3Blessing of Marriage is most often celebrated in the Church during the week with family and friends present.



Knights' Corner

It is an exciting time here at St. Margaret of Scotland. We have started up our Knights of Columbus Round Table. We have welcomed a new Brother Knight, Russ Miller, we are proud that you along with your wife Cindy has joined the Order. Please call any of our Contacts listed below for more information. The sign-up sheet for interest in joining us is in the back of the church. We will contact you with the time of the next meeting.

Knights' Round Table Contacts:

Anthony Minniti (10:00 Mass) 246-9441

Russell Pitt (8:00 Mass) 727-215-8635

Bob Quick (4:00 Mass) 616-560-5762

Clark Stone (10:00 Mass) 404-375-5550

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