

with a school) for Peace Sabbath/Peace Sunday, or the letters could be delivered directly to the Commission. All letters were to be delivered to the Commission after Peace Sabbath/Peace Sunday so that they could be personally taken to Washington. Although about 400 letters were expected, the Commission received 1,400 letters from all over the Archdiocese. On June 7, more than a dozen students representing most of the participating schools in the Peace Letters project, went on a special trip to Washington, DC. All letters to Premier Andropov were presented to the Soviet Embassy and all letters to President Reagan were presented to the White House. At each place, some students were invited to talk with representatives who received the letters. The trip received wide press coverage and was mentioned by many Baltimore radio stations and newspapers.

In addition to the package of materials for parishes and the peace letters project, the Commission arranged for more than 3,000 prayer cards to be distributed in Catholic health care facilities for that weekend, asking patients and staff to join with the Archdiocesan community in a prayer for peace.

LIAISON WITH OTHER BALTIMORE GROUPS

By far the most significant project involving the Commission in cooperation with other groups was the Nestle boycott. In January of 1984, following intensive negotiations with Nestle and national boycott organizers and after seven years of targeting Nestle products to protest the company's infant-formula marketing practices, the boycott was declared suspended for six months. The announcement was made in a joint press conference in an atmosphere of success for both sides.

Following the announcement, Bishop P. Francis Murphy issued a Statement on the Nestle boycott and sent a letter to parish council presidents about the suspension. Bishop Murphy noted the significance of the boycott as an example of people having an effect upon an issue and actually changing the attitude and practices of an industry leader in this field. The statement also noted that the boycott was an example of action out of a faith commitment to a question of justice in the world.