

Liaison with the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) completed the Commission's contact with diocesan bodies in 1983. The APC interaction involved three main projects: parish education series, civil defense planning for nuclear war, and women in the Church. To implement the APC's June, 1982 nuclear freeze resolution, the Commission conducted presentations at a series of parish programs sponsored by the APC and designed in cooperation with the Commission. The programs were offered at: Resurrection Parish (March 12), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish (April 17), Nativity Parish (April 23) and St. John/Frederick (April 30).

The APC also approved the resolution adopted earlier by the Priests Council on civil defense planning for nuclear war. By the APC approval of this resolution, the Archdiocese as a matter of policy determined that it would decline to participate in the planning and arrangements for a government-sponsored civil defense program for nuclear war--this program is a seven-year \$4.2 billion plan for crisis relocation scenarios of populations and for salvaging key industrial capacity and important government functions in the instance of a nuclear attack. The APC resolution noted that rather than fulfilling a function of charity and providing shelter in an emergency, the plan actually has the effect of supporting the notion that a nuclear war is survivable and perhaps winnable--a notion which, regardless of the serious flaws in the plan itself, must be seriously challenged.

A final contact with the APC was with a special APC committee formed to devise a process of dialogue and response in the Archdiocesan community on the issue of women in the Church. This committee continues to meet, and is scheduled to present its proposals to the APC in mid-1984.

Finally, the Commission was part of a study day for the Baltimore Area Professional Coordinators and Directors (BAPC/D), comprising Directors of Religious Education and Coordinators of Religious Education in parishes of the Baltimore metropolitan area. The study day was devoted to The Challenge of Peace and included presentations by the Commission, a literature table, and a discussion of practical implementation possibilities for the Pastoral.