

among these was Peace With Justice Week, held in May of 1984. The week was the result of a coalition of peace and progressive groups in the Baltimore area, originally called together by the Commission in 1983, to plan and conduct events or activities for the annual observance of Peace With Justice Week. The 1984 week featured a performance of "A Peasant of El Salvador," an educational series conducted by area groups, a hearing day conducted by Jobs with Peace in Baltimore on local and federal budget priorities, and a benefit/fundraiser dance that was organized by and featured (as part of the dance band) a member of the Peace With Justice Week coalition.

A coalition on the South Africa issue, recently formed by Bishop John Ricard, SSJ, also has Commission involvement. The Archdiocesan South Africa Coalition (ASAC) plans to conduct demonstration days at the South Africa Embassy, keeps in contact with other Baltimore area groups dealing with the apartheid issue, and develops ways to educate on this issue in the Archdiocese.

Commission involvement in additional issues also included planning and presenting an annual memorial service to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 15, and education on the overall need to live the values of King's work. The Commission joined in a Baltimore coalition on the famine in Africa, the Ethiopia Emergency Task Force, organized by John Springer of the Food Project of Baltimore Clergy & Laity Concerned. The Ethiopia Emergency Taskforce has raised more than \$100,000 to be donated to groups directly assisting in the relief effort, has publicized the need for a response, and has conducted press briefings on the African food crisis.

Another special event, sponsored by the Commission on an annual basis, is the silent vigil in Baltimore on the anniversary of Hiroshima, August 6. This year, more than 50 people gathered at the Inner Harbor to remember the victims of the first atomic bombing, to remember the victims of war, and to pledge themselves to help end the nuclear arms race. The nuclear arms race was also the core issue behind a 100-mile pilgrimage of student walkers organized at Brandeis University, with the group walking from Philadelphia to Washington, DC. The Commission was among those groups providing assistance, support and publicity for the walkers as they came through Baltimore.