

May 29 Baltimore PeaceWalk

From Mount Royal Station (across from Lyric) down Charles Street to Hopkins Plaza (brief program) and then to St. Vincent de Paul Church for rally and speakers' forum. Speakers included:

Sr. Katherine Corr	(Jobs With Peace)
Dan Jerrems	(Nuclear Freeze)
Phil Wheaton	(Metropolitan Sanctuary Committee)
Jerome Frank	(Johns Hopkins University)
Salima Marriott	(South Africa Coalition)
Rev. Chester Wickwire	(Johns Hopkins)

Many of these sessions, such as the evening topic programs, were held at St. Matthews School in Baltimore. Cooperation and interest also came from other Archdiocesan offices. This was the first such series of events ever done in Baltimore. The coalition became a working body of very diverse groups, took on extra projects, and decided also to sponsor a Peace With Justice Week in 1984. Special recognition should go to: Dick Ullrich, Commission Coordinator Chuck Michaels, CALC Steering Committee Member John Springer, Jonah House resident Elizabeth McAlister, and Lee Needham of Citizens Against Cruise and Pershing II for the special efforts made on behalf of the successful and exciting presentation of that Week.

The Commission's activities, however, were not confined to Peace With Justice Week. For Peace Sabbath/Peace Sunday, the Archdiocesan celebration of the Pope's Annual Peace Day Message (delivered in January of that year), the Commission encouraged parish events and conducted a project of its own. For parish events, a package of information on Peace Sabbath/Peace Sunday was prepared and sent to parishes upon request. The package included the Pope's message, a summary of the message, homily information, liturgy ideas and follow-up suggestions. More than 50 parishes received these materials and utilized them in a variety of ways. Corpus Christi Parish conducted a special Peace Mass which was attended by the Commission.

The Commission's special project, involving Archdiocesan schools, was a Peace Letters program which exceeded all expectations. Archdiocesan elementary and secondary school students were asked to write a letter to President Ronald Reagan or to Premier Yuri Andropov about the need for peace. The letters could be used as part of any special celebrations being held at the school or at a parish (if affiliated