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CPN UPCOMING EVENT
PEACEBUILDING 2013: *Pacem in Terris* at 50

April 9-10, 2013
The Pryzbyla Center
The Catholic University of America
Washington, D.C.

Plan to join us at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC on April 9-10, 2013, for a major conference on Catholic peacebuilding and U.S. foreign policy. Sponsored by the Catholic Peacebuilding Network, the Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies at The Catholic University of America, and eleven other universities, institutions and organizations, this conference will be one of the principal U.S. commemorations of the 50th anniversary of the encyclical, *Pacem in terris*.

Fifty years ago, *Pacem in terris* broke new ground in Catholic teaching on peace by elaborating an approach to peace and engagement in the world that went beyond merely avoiding violence. Using human rights as a foundation for a vision of peace that involves authentic development and a just world order, *Pacem in terris* catalyzed what has become a vibrant and broad engagement in peacebuilding by Catholic actors around the world and at all levels.

In addition to commemorating the encyclical as a *living document* that remains fresh today, this conference is intended to contribute to animating peacebuilding as a priority for Catholics in the United States and to focus attention on ways in which Catholic perspectives on peacebuilding can contribute to the wider debate on the responsibilities and opportunities for peacebuilding in U.S. foreign policy.

The program includes several plenaries and numerous break-out sessions on a wide range of topics led by key individuals in their fields. Further updates on speakers, workshops, and registration can be found at the CPN website on the [Upcoming Events](#) page. [Registration](#) is free but required. Deadline to register: April 2, 2013.

Confirmed plenary speakers include:

Cardinal Peter Turkson, President, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

Bishop Richard Pates, Chairman, USCCB, Committee on International Justice and Peace

Fr. Bryan Hehir, Professor, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
Carolyn Woo, President, Catholic Relief Services
Amb. Douglas Roche, former Chairman, United Nations Disarmament Committee
Scott Appleby, Director, Kroc Institute for Int'l Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
Maryann Cusimano Love, Associate Professor, The Catholic University of America
Fr. Drew Christiansen, Visiting Professor, Boston College and former Editor of *America*
Katherine Marshall, Senior Fellow, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs

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