



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council

Community Life Communique # 2



Inspired by the Spirit... Women Respond to God's Call

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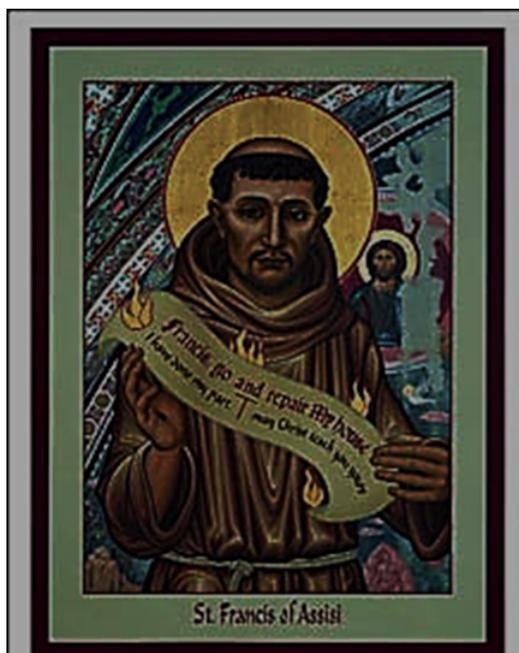
Ladies, tomorrow is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron of my religious community, and world-wide advocate for peace. I want to share this communication from Vatican Radio, September 20th. During these days of escalating words of hate and violence, we need to know that our representative on the global stage, Pope Francis, is speaking for those of us who pray for peace and a de-escalation of violence in our global community.

The Holy See on Thursday became one of the first entities to sign and ratify a new treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons. The treaty was signed by Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, Secretary for Relations with States, for the Holy See, and in the name of and on behalf of Vatican City State.

More than 40 countries signed the treaty during a high level signing ceremony at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Along with the Holy See, Thailand also ratified the treaty. More nations are expected to sign in coming days, with the treaty set to go into effect 90 days after it has been ratified by at least 50 nations.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons prohibits a full range of nuclear-weapon-related activities, such as undertaking to develop, test, produce, manufacture, acquire, possess or stockpile nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, as well as the use or threat of use of these weapons.

More than 120 nations adopted the treaty on 7 July 2017; however, most nations that already possess nuclear arms did not take part in the negotiations.



St. Francis of Assisi

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope,
 where there is darkness, light;
 and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not
 so much seek
 to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 and it is in dying that we are born to
 eternal life. Amen.

The following press release was issued following the ceremony.

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Yesterday, 20 September 2017, at the United Nations building in New York, H.E. Msgr. Paul Richard Gallagher, secretary for Relations with States, signed for the Holy See and also in the name of and behalf of Vatican City State, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, adopted on 7 July 2017 at the end of the United Nations Conference aimed at negotiating a legally binding instrument for prohibiting nuclear weapons. The signing took place during the High Level Ceremony for the opening of the signing of the Treaty. At the same time H.E. Msgr. Gallagher handed over the relative instrument of ratification. Pursuant to Article 15, paragraph 1 of the Treaty, it will enter into force for the Holy See and for Vatican City State ninety days after the deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or adhesion. (from Vatican Radio)

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