

JESUS' WAY OF PEACE

Nonviolent Love of Friends & Enemies

"Fr. McCarthy's retreat is a remarkable contribution to furthering the understanding of Christian Nonviolence—so urgent a need for Christians today. Clergy and laity owe it to themselves, to the Church, to the world and to God to take time to prayerfully ponder what is said here." —*Mairead Corrigan Maguire, Nobel Peace Prize Recipient*



Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Parish

2700 Dwight Way at College Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94704

Saturday, October 20 ■ 8:30 AM–4:30 PM

Sponsored by Newman Hall and the
Sant Egidio Community of Berkeley (www.santegidio.org)

Program:

- Saturday:** 8:00 – 8:30 AM Registration
8:30 – 10:00 AM..... The Nonviolent God
10:00 – 10:30 AM..... Break
10:30 – 12:00 PM Evil, Death and Life
12:00 – 1:00 PM..... Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 2:30 PM..... Survival Ethics
2:30 – 3:00 PM..... Break
3:00 – 4:30 PM..... THE Source of Hope and Joy
5:00 PM..... Mass with Fr. McCarthy
(optional—all are welcome)

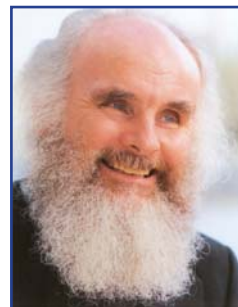
Registration and Meal:

- Registration form is on the reverse side. You can register using any one of the four alternatives listed.
- Donation: \$5.00–\$10.00 requested for lunch
(*PLEASE INDICATE IF VEGETARIAN)

RSVP or Questions:

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(Rev.) **Emmanuel Charles McCarthy** is a priest of the Eastern Rite (Byzantine) of the Catholic Church. For 27 years he was associated with St. Gregory the Theologian Byzantine Melkite Catholic Seminary in Rosindale, Massachusetts, as teacher, spiritual director or acting rector. Formerly a lawyer and a university educator and the founder and original director of The Program for the Study and Practice of Nonviolent Conflict Resolution at the University of Notre Dame. He was also a co-founder of Pax Christi-USA. For forty years he has directed educational programs and conducted spiritual retreats throughout the world on the issue of the relationship of faith and violence. He was the keynote speaker at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee for the 25th anniversary memorial of the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., at that site. He is the author of three books: *Christian Just War Theory: The Logic of Deceit, August 9*, and *All Things Flee Thee, For Thou Fleest Me!: A Cry to the Churches and Their Leaders to Stop Running from the Nonviolent Jesus and His Nonviolent Way*. He has also authored innumerable articles on the subject of violence and religion. His audio/video series on Gospel nonviolence, *Behold the Lamb*, is universally considered to be the most spiritually profound presentation on this matter available in this format. Emmanuel Charles McCarthy was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his life's work on behalf of peace within people and among people.



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Conference Overview

This conference provides a spiritually profound and logically ordered reflection on the nonviolent Jesus of the Gospels, and His Way of nonviolent love of friends and enemies as the Way and the Will of the “Father of all.”

Although what is learned in this workshop has broad application in relationships between nation states, *its most profound effect is at the level of the individual person and that person's potential to enrich relationships.* For once one becomes aware of the power and the wisdom of nonviolent love (agapé)—a potential fruit of this workshop—there is a strong desire to incarnate that love within the family and among friends (even enemies). Over time, dependence on dominative power—fear, threat, intimidation, withholding affection, impatience—begins to diminish in direct proportion to the realization that expressions of patience, kindness, compassion, affection and mercy can transform both self and relationships in a way that transcends all other means.



Testimonials

“Learning about Christian Nonviolence has changed me ... I’m not sure I ever really understood what a radical thing it actually is to live as a Christian. It is so easy to be swept up in the mainstream Christian culture all around us and inconsistencies within the Church just seem to mount.”

“While this fundamental truth [unconditional love of friends and enemies] is the very heart of the life and message of Jesus Christ—the Christian world views the concept of unconditional love of friends and enemies with skepticism...! How could it have come to this?”

“It is this message of unconditional love of friends and enemies that sets us apart from all other world religions and non-believers. It is this guiding principle that has been lost in the shuffle, and I believe people are growing tired of it all.”

“It seems that while this message is Love, the whole Christian world wants to fight it. The Christian Nonviolence Movement has been challenged, disregarded, or even rejected by virtually all Christian leaders. The Church is failing to live up to the true message of Jesus.”

Background & Purpose

Homicidal violence is the first sin outside Paradise and homicidal violence is the sin that brings about Jesus’ death. In the Old Testament alone violence is spoken of 1,682 times. It is the most oft-presented human experience mentioned in Hebrew Scripture. The 20th Century gave us more deaths by war than all the other centuries combined. Capital punishment, violent revolution and abortion have all increased logarithmically during this same time period due to escalating capacity of the technology of violence. Beyond this—because of the exponential rise in the power of mass media—the human mind is being inundated with images of violence and violent conflict resolution as the preferred way of settling differences—at a rate and at age levels never possible before in all of human history. This nurturing in the most advanced technological country on earth, the U.S., has given us the highest murder-suicide rate on the planet.

It has also given us a higher incarceration rate than any developed country, save Russia—and it is escalating. It took from 1789 to 1990 for the prison population in American prisons to reach one million people. It has taken from 1990 to 2002 for that number to reach two million. Now, this, and much, much, more, e.g., vertical increases in domestic violence, child abuse, rape of males and females, etc., is all taking place in a nation where 85% of the citizens call themselves Christian!

Certainly some thing is way out of kilt here. These cannot be the proper consequences that should follow from believing in Jesus Christ. This retreat focuses on what Jesus, God incarnate, has to teach by word and deed about the evil of violence and God’s Way of conquering it. From this spring both hope and joy: the hope that as nonviolent love transforms us, it can also transform others.

REGISTRATION

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STREET ADDRESS:	HOME PHONE:	
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
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SPECIAL NEEDS:		

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Mailing Completed Form to: Eli S. McCarthy, 1503 Adeline Street, Oakland CA 94607**