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Dear Catholic Peace Fellowship Friends,

Thanks to the efforts of our faithful CPF member Francesco Zampetti CPF Philadelphia has continued to meet via zoom through the Covid years. Though some of our beloved, committed CPF members died during these last three years, CPF continues to be blessed to have thoughtful, committed members who provide much of our energy and vision. Some of these individuals have been with CPF for years while others have recently found CPF and our now active members. As is our tradition all are welcome to attend our monthly meetings in person or via zoom. Please join us!

CPF Philadelphia started 2023 with a viewing of the film "The Nuns, The Priests, and The Bombs" which largely focuses on actions protesting nuclear weapons by members of the Plowshares movement. A panel discussion followed the film. The panel members, who zoomed in from around the country, included some of the Plowshares activists depicted in the documentary. This event was cohosted by the Institute for Forgiveness and Reconciliation at Chestnut Hill College. Sr. Cathy Nerney SSJ, Director of the Institute, and her colleagues worked closely with CPF members in the planning of the event. Approximately 125 people attended the program, which was held at the College. *See the related articles in the current CPF newsletter by Bill Hartman and Scott Fina.*

The next event for CPF is the "Synodality and Discernment" retreat, Saturday May 13, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at St. Malachy's Parish Hall, facilitators are: Angie and Phil Berryman, Fr. George Bur SJ, Ava Murray-Zampetti. *See the current newsletter or our website for more information.*

We take this opportunity to thank you for your support. Whether your journey with us is through your prayers, actions, or donations we are grateful to you. Our expenses include mailing of the newsletter, website maintenance, PaxChristi USA dues. We would also like to again have the resources to offer an occasional honorarium to retreat facilitators and guest speakers.

Together as we grieve for our suffering world may we continue to discern, listen and support each other in living nonviolent lives and working to bring about God's peace and love in our world. In gratitude,

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