

CW, The Churchwoman: An Issue on Peacemaking

The **April-May 1982** issue of CW, The Churchwoman, is largely devoted to peacemaking efforts in the world today.

The first of the nine articles dealing with this topic gives extracts from a homily for peace Sabbath by Marjorie Truite, Director, Ecumenical Citizen Action of Church Women United, who says in a paragraph:

"Seduced into believing that an arms build-up will bring peace... our idols have become military solutions and weapons systems... How can a people who stand at the threshold of being able to destroy themselves still have hope? Fear perpetuates dependency upon military arms and nourishes lust for power. Fear attaches us to possessions and limits our capacity to risk."

"Education for Peace", by Sister Anna Marie Erst, S.H.C.S., emphasizes "the need to stress the values and attitudes our society must possess to be a just society. Without justice, true peace is impossible."

As Peace Education Director for the Irish Commission for Justice and Peace in the Irish Republic, Sister Anna Marie Erst has developed a peace program for schools with the help of teachers. The following is a brief outline of the process she has applied:

1. Publishing booklets on such topics as human rights, community building, violence and non-violent alternatives.

2. Teacher seminars and study nights for parents were held to acquaint them with the peace program and help them realize the importance of their roles in instilling into their children a sense of true values.

3. Publication of quarterly periodicals for both primary and post-primary students. A good portion of these was the work of students.

4. Organization of an annual competition on the theme of justice and peace.

5. Discussions developing the basic concepts of human rights, violence and forgiveness. Those who respond to oppression with violence in turn become oppressors.

Another section of the issue is entitled: "Some Things to Do."

Here are some suggestions:

1. Add your name to the million being sought by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) in their STAR (Stop The Arms Race) campaign. Send your name and \$1 (or more) to Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 1213 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa 19107. From the

same address you can secure a comprehensive bibliography of WILPF publications.

2. Sign the World Peace Pledge: "In the light of my faith, I am prepared to live without the nuclear weapon in my country." Send your signed pledge to: "Covenant Peace Making Program", Fellowship Reconciliation, Box 271, Nyack, N.Y. 10960.

Women of Vietnam

Published in French and English by "Viet Nam Women's Union of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam," this monthly illustrated magazine devotes its 34 pages to varied and inclusive information on women's liberation movement and its progressive march in that country. Reports on their individual and collective activities in the fields of higher education, art, child welfare, national celebrations, and international relations constitute the bulk of the publication. Poems, stories and reportages give a note of variety to the well-organized contents, and we can detect an effort to enhance local color and individual touch.

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