



JP Alert

Conference of Major Superiors of Men

Jesus is preparing us to receive the courage of the Holy Spirit. Let us open our hearts.

Resist the \$110 billion Saudi Arabia arms deal



The U.S. recently made the largest foreign arms deal in history. They made this deal with Saudi Arabia, which is using U.S. weapons to kill massive numbers of persons, to destroy civilian infrastructure in Yemen, to seriously harm the environment, and to [create a famine](#); not to mention being a [consistent human rights violator](#) and a persistent monarchy.

Some courageous congresspersons are trying to resist this with two bi-partisan

resolutions of disapproval in the [House](#) and in the [Senate](#). Congress needs to hear from constituents this week.

"This means working for the elimination of the deplorable arms trade and the never-ending race to create and spread ever more sophisticated weaponry...The stockpiles of armaments which have been built up in various countries must be reduced all round by the parties concerned." Pope Francis, [Jan. 9, 2017](#)

ACTION: [Contact congress](#) to support these resolutions against the Saudi Arms deal.



Immigration and Refugees

- 1) Success! CMSM worked with a broad coalition to persuade the [Department of Homeland Security](#) to not deport 58,000 Haitians by instead maintaining their temporary protective status for another six months.
- 2) Portland succeeds in pressuring engineering company to [publicly refuse participation](#) in building the border wall.
- 3) Join the Interfaith Immigration Coalition Webinar: "[Faith Community Response to an Unfaithful Budget](#)," Monday June 5th at 4pm EST.



Linking Lectionary to Justice and Peace

Below you will find homily resources from CMSM members and other people of wisdom in our community for your reflection. If you are not giving homilies, please consider sharing with your local priest.

[Sunday, June 4](#) by Don Timmerman, Catholic Worker

[Sunday, June 11](#) by Dianne Bergant, CSA

[Sunday, June 18](#) by Rev. Mark Pranaitis, C.M.



Letters to Bishops Campaign

[Instruments of Reconciliation](#): A National Campaign to Amplify Active Nonviolence in the U.S. Catholic Church

Thank you to so many who have already written hundreds of letters! Some of the Bishops who have received letters include: Tobin (NJ), Wuerl (DC), O'Malley (MA), Dolan (NY), Libasci (NH), Blair (CT), Gainer (PA), Tamayo (TX), Muench (LA), Brungardt (KS), Lucas (NE), Seitz (TX), Barnes (CA), Tobin (CT), Persico (PA), Di Marzio (NY), etc.

With this momentum, we are continuing this campaign into June. Please consider writing if you haven't and/or inviting others to take part. *Would your local parish consider doing an offering of letters one weekend in June or July?* We are already hearing of responses from some dioceses with interest in pursuing these ideas around the World Day of Peace message and active nonviolence.

[Please report your action here](#)

Notable upcoming days to send a letter:

June 4: The feast of Pentecost, when the Spirit is given to the disciples to help them live the courageous way of Jesus' active nonviolence.

June 5-12: Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence

June 20: World Refugee Day, a day to acknowledge people around the world who flee from violence due to the lack of nonviolent and restorative justice responses to conflict.

June 26: International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

Other News



Protect Shareholder Resolution Advocacy

[Stop the "CHOICE Act"](#)

This new legislation would fundamentally impair investors' rights to file shareholder resolutions. The new rule would permit only a tiny fraction of the globe's wealthiest investors to file shareholder proposals.

All other shareholders would be blocked from using their shareholder rights to address equity, justice, sustainability, climate, risk, and good



Comboni Bishop Saves Muslims in DRC

The Catholic bishop of Bangassou, the Spaniard Juan José Aguirre, [helped to intervene](#) to allow a thousand Muslim faithful who had fled to the local mosque in Tokoyo to leave the place of worship safely. During the evacuation, gunshots were fired that hit and killed the Imam of the mosque, who was next to the bishop.



Pledge to End Death Penalty

"All Christians and people of good will are thus called today to fight not only for the abolition of the death penalty, whether legal or illegal, and in all its forms, but also in order to improve prison conditions, with respect for the human dignity of the people deprived of their freedom" - *Pope Francis*

In response to Pope Francis's call, sign this [pledge](#) to educate, advocate, and pray for the end of the death penalty.

governance issues.

The Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) supports and offers resources for U.S. leaders of Catholic men's religious institutes. CMSM promotes dialogue and collaboration on issues of religious life as well as peace and justice issues with major groups in church and society. There are about 17,000 religious priests and brothers in the United States.

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