



Franciscan Peace Center

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# NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT RESOURCES

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## ADDITIONAL READING

*[The Risk of the Cross: Living Gospel Nonviolence in the Nuclear Age](#)* by Art Laffin, Catholic Worker, Washington DC

### *[Living in the Light of Christ's Peace: A Conversation Toward Nuclear Disarmament](#)*

Archbishop Wester of the Diocese of Santa Fe released this Pastoral Letter in 2022 urging the local community and the world to join "a renewed commitment to the cause of peace" with the goal of eliminating all global nuclear weapons arsenals.

### [Action Alert Digest](#)

This timely email publication from the Franciscan Peace Center includes news and actionable items related to nuclear disarmament, nonviolence, and other human rights issues every week.

### [Let's Be Realists](#)

Eleven answers to common comments and questions about nuclear weapons. A free downloadable booklet published by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

*["Banning Sadako Won't Keep Kids Safe from Nuclear War"](#)* by Rivera Sun for Campaign Nonviolence

The children's book, *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, tells the true story of Sadako Sasaki, a 12-year-old girl who survived the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima as a toddler, but later died of leukemia, or as it was called at the time "atom bomb disease." Drawing from a traditional belief in Japan, she starts to fold 1,000 origami cranes in hopes that her wish for survival will be granted. The book was recently banned in the state of Florida.

## RECENT VIDEOS AND WEBINAR RECORDINGS

### [“What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You”](#)

In July, Franciscan Action Network hosted a webinar moderated by Sr. Maryann Mueller, CSSF, and featuring experts discussing the current international situations that present the dangers of nuclear conflict, what the global health and environmental effects would be with any use of nuclear weapons, and what we can do to mitigate the risk of nuclear conflict.

### [“A Conversation with Annie Jacobsen”](#)

Last May, the Franciscan Peace Center co-sponsored this virtual event from Back from the Brink. It was a truly inspiring evening of dialogue and education with a clear focus on action — what each of us can do to help prevent nuclear war.

### [“Building a world without nuclear weapons: An urgent imperative”](#)

This online forum was held in January 2024, with host Peter Metz, moderator Claire Schaeffer Duffy, panelists Archbishop John Wester (Santa Fe, NM), Dr. Ira Helfand, and Marie Dennis. Bishop John Stowe (Lexington, KY) offered the opening prayer, and Rep. Jim McGovern shared a special message with attendees. This event was organized by Pax Christi Massachusetts.

## OTHER RESOURCES

### [Nuclear Weapons Quiz](#)

How much do you know about nuclear weapons? Take this fact-filled quiz and find out.

### [Franciscan Peace Center’s Nuclear Disarmament Resource page](#)

Discover important facts about the current global arsenal of nuclear weapons, learn about actions the United States can take to reduce the threat of nuclear weapons, and read summaries of existing international treaties regarding nuclear weapons.

## ORGANIZATIONS WORKING ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

### [Arms Control Association](#)

The Arms Control Association, founded in 1971, is a national nonpartisan membership organization dedicated to promoting public understanding of and support for effective arms control policies.

### **Back from the Brink**

Back from the Brink is a national grassroots campaign that brings local communities together to build the public support and political will needed to fundamentally change U.S. nuclear weapons policy and prevent nuclear war.

### **Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists**

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists is a media organization that publishes a free-access website and a bi-monthly magazine. The Bulletin's website, iconic Doomsday Clock, and regular events help advance actionable ideas at a time when technology is outpacing our ability to control it.

### **International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)**

ICAN is a broad, inclusive campaign, focused on mobilizing civil society around the world to support the specific objective of prohibiting and eliminating nuclear weapons. The organization was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017.

### **Nuclear Threat Initiative**

Founded in 2001 by former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn and philanthropist Ted Turner, NTI is guided by a prestigious, international board of directors and a high-level advisory board. NTI designs innovative threat-reduction projects that show governments the way and build momentum and support for action.

### **Pax Christi USA**

Pax Christi USA is a national section of the international Catholic peace movement. Working for peace since 1973, Pax Christi USA has pledged to raise awareness of the imminent threat of nuclear weapons in our world today and offer resources for prayer, study, and action to support efforts toward the abolition of nuclear war.

### **Reaching Critical Will**

Reaching Critical Will works for disarmament and arms control of many different weapon systems, the reduction of global military spending and militarism, and the investigation of gendered aspects of the impact of weapons and disarmament processes.

## ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TODAY

### **TAKE ACTION: Limit the President's Ability to Launch Nuclear Weapons**

Presidents have sole authority to launch nuclear weapons. This is too dangerous an authority to be held by one person. No one person should be allowed to decide to end life on the planet as we know it, but that's exactly what current U.S. law allows for. Win Without War urges us to tell Congress to put immediate limits on the president's authority to start a nuclear war. [TAKE ACTION](#)

### **TAKE ACTION: Support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**

In January, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists moved its iconic Doomsday Clock ahead to 90 seconds before midnight, the closest it's ever come to symbolic global apocalypse. Back from the Brink urges us to tell our representatives to co-sponsor H. Res 77, a resolution that calls on the United States to embrace the goals and provisions of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and to adopt Back from the Brink's common sense policies for preventing nuclear war. [TAKE ACTION](#)

## STORIES OF THE HIBAKUSHA

[Remember, Honor, and Take Action](#) from ICAN on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the bombing

[Hibakusha Testimony Resources](#)

[The 1945 Project](#)

[Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum](#)

[Nagasaki Peace](#)

[Hiroshima Memories](#) from the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

## VICTIMS OF NUCLEAR TESTING

[Stories of Survivors of Nuclear Testing](#)

[The Ongoing Damage of Radiation Exposure](#): Pray, Study, Act from Pax Christi USA

[Downwinders and the Radioactive West](#)