


## AOTEAROA

**Struggling to be peacemakers: Whitefella collective trauma and our need to face our own histories of disconnection and unresolved pain**

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This Zoom study is the second in a series on Peace-making sponsored by Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand as part of celebrating the 80th anniversary of Pax Christi International.



On May 20, Sr. Bridget Crisp, rsm, opened **Pax Christi Aotearoa's 80th anniversary** Zoom series on how self-insight and relationship building are key to peace in a fragmented world. **The next session in series with David Tutty**, will be held on June 17, 7-8:30 PM NZST. To register, [email here](#).

## AUSTRALIA

Pax Christi Australia invites you to a Webinar  
22 June 2025 7.00pm AEST on  
**A Peacemaker at Heart:  
Remembering Pope Francis**




**Pope Francis was known as Buenos Aires' "slum bishop"** for his compassion towards its poorer members. He with "a heart open to the world" left a profound impact on the Church and humanity. **Our presenters will reflect on his teaching in the context of our times during the webinar.** Check the flyer [here](#) and register [here](#) to attend.

## KOREA



**Pax Jubilee 2025 Declaration**  
For a 'Peaceful Asia-Pacific Region' Without Nuclear Weapons  
Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Aug 6 and 9, 2025

On June 1, 2025, **Pax Romana and Pax Christi** jointly launched the Pax Jubilee 2025 Declaration, "**80 Years Is Enough,**" for a nuclear weapons-free Asia-Pacific. The Declaration is the result of **Catholic Peace Forums** held in Nagasaki, Rome, and Geneva. [Click here](#) to endorse the [Declaration](#).

## JAPAN



This year, Okinawa marks the **80th anniversary of the defeat of World War II** on June 23. Okinawa is the only place that suffered a brutal battle with more than 200,000 people. **Bishop Wayne Berndt**, the Ordinary of the Diocese of Naha, who is an American Capuchin, sends his message. The image has the names of 238,000 victims killed in the battle in Okinawa are carved in the "**peaceful foundation**".

## PHILIPPINES



**PAX CHRISTI PILIPINAS**

**BUILDING A PEACEFUL  
FUTURE, UNDERSTANDING  
DISARMAMENT**

**APRIL 30 2025**  
4:30-6:30 PM (ASIA/MANILA)  
VIA ZOOM

On April 30, the webinar "**Building a Peaceful Future: Understanding Disarmament**" engaged around 70 participants, mainly students. The discussion focused on small arms and light weapons, land mines, nuclear weapons, and cluster munitions, emphasizing **disarmament as a moral imperative** and advocating for civil society's role in fostering a peaceful future. Watch the full webinar [here](#).

## SRI LANKA



**Campaign to Achieve  
Democratic Goals with HOPE**

**HUMAN RIGHTS WORKSHOP FOR  
RELIGIOUS AND PRIESTS**

10 - 13 February 2025  
Miani Technical Institute  
Batticaloa  
Human Rights Office Kandy

Held from 10 - 13 February 2025 in Batticaloa, the "**Campaign to achieve Democratic Goals with Hope**" workshop brought together 28 Priests and Religious. Organized by the **Human Rights Office Kandy**, it focused on democracy, human rights, and civic engagement, ending with a commitment to reunite in July. [Read more here](#).