

## ECHOES FROM EUROPEAN SECTIONS

MARCH 2026

### PAX CHRISTI FRANCE



Pax Christi France, in view of the presidential election scheduled for spring 2027, invites people to take part in an **awareness campaign promoting Nonviolence and solidarity**.

The questionnaire that has been developed is aimed primarily at young people, seeking to explore their values and needs, and to discern which aspects of the election platforms foster the emergence of a fraternal and nonviolent society.

[Read more here](#)

### PAX CHRISTI AUSTRIA



The spring general meeting of Pax Christi Austria took place on 20–21 March 2026 in Linz. During the meeting, **Prof. Olaf Müller from Humboldt University in Berlin** delivered a lecture on civil defence, highlighting how it is often misunderstood and characterised by unpredictable effects.

In the context of the debate on the reintroduction of conscription, Müller proposed a form of civilian service focused on civil defence. The topic remains highly relevant in Austria, where individuals can already choose between military and civilian service, while political discussions are ongoing regarding a possible extension of the duration of military service.

### PAX CHRISTI GERMANY



The Executive Board of Pax Christi Germany has condemned the **airstrikes carried out by the United States and Israel against Iran**, emphasizing that they violate international law and risk triggering an escalation of violence in the Middle East. The internal repression by the Iranian regime does not justify an external intervention, which would only worsen suffering and conflict in the region.

Pax Christi Germany has called on the German government to condemn the attack and to refrain from supplying weapons or logistical support.

[Read the article here](#)

## PAX CHRISTI ITALY



The campaign *'Un'altra difesa è possibile'*, supported by a network that includes Pax Christi Italy, have filed a bill to establish a Public Department for unarmed and nonviolent civilian defense. The proposal promotes an alternative concept of defense based on prevention, rights and civic participation, including a dedicated tax option.

As Tonio Dell'Olio underlined, "Building peace means always standing on the side of victims." In a time of rising global tension, the initiative offers a path toward a more inclusive and peaceful security model.

[Read more here](#)

## PAX CHRISTI SCOTLAND



On Saturday, March 14, Pax Christi Scotland chair Marian Pallister and Bishop Brian McGee, Bishop of the Diocese of Argyll & the Isles, were two of many speakers at a **rally hosted by Scottish CND at the nuclear submarine base on Scotland's River Clyde.**

They were shown the silos where nuclear weapons are stored in the hillsides and heard that weapons of mass destruction are no deterrent, but as popes and bishops have declared, are "immoral" even to possess.

[Watch the video](#)