



## The Barbed Wire & the Rose

(Pax Christi USA's logo)

The **rose** is a symbol of grace, elegance, love and beauty. The **barbed wire** is a symbol of confinement, manufactured menace and inflicted pain.

A peace rose growing out of barbed wire is not of human design and construction. It proclaims a peace that is unachievable as a human invention. It celebrates a peace that is receive and shared as a gift, the peace of Christ. It is inseparable from the absurdity of the cross because it partakes of the absurdity of the Resurrection. It is an astonishing, unimaginable gift.

This peace, this Pax Christi, can grace even the cruel barbed wire of our most seemingly unresolvable conflicts. It is a reminder of the One who proclaimed, "Peace I leave, my peace is my gift to you." John

14:27