

Bread Not Stones Campaign – Bishops’ Sign-on Statement Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can we reach out to retired bishops and auxiliary bishops?

A: Yes! We hope you'll reach out to any and all bishops in your diocese!



Q: What are the dates for reaching out to our bishops whether by email, letter or an in-person meeting?

A: Bishop outreach is set for Oct. 16 through Nov. 3, but the final deadline for a bishop to sign on is Nov. 19, so you can extend the window to do outreach right up until then.

Q: Once my bishop(s) has signed on, then what?

A: Plan a prayer service to celebrate your diocese's commitment to redirecting military spending to the needs of our sisters and brother and the Earth. (More on that soon!). Also, use the sign-on statement to raise awareness in your diocese, parish, school, etc. Print excerpts in your bulletin. Hold an informational event or webinar on the Bread Not Stones campaign and use the sign-on statement as promotional material. Share the statement with your pastor and ask him to preach on the need to redirect military spending. Contact your Member of Congress (especially the Catholic ones!) and share the bishops' statement along with an ask for them to support the People Over the Pentagon Act. We'll continue to collect other ideas that we'll feature leading up to the announcement about the next federal budget in February 2024.

Q: Can we ask our local priests or women religious or other Catholic leaders to sign on?

A: Not yet. The strategy right now is to reach out to US Catholic bishops. What further steps we may take in broadening the call to redirect military spending will be decided after this part of the campaign closes.