

2026 Teacher of Peace nomination form

Each year, Pax Christi USA honors an outstanding peacemaker with the Teacher of Peace Award, in the tradition of Sr. Thea Bowman, Cesar Chávez, Dorothy Day, Pope Paul VI, and other contemporary Catholic figures who have shone a light for us on our journey toward solidarity and justice, to be each other's keepers and stewards of creation.

This award began as a recognition of women and men whose lives and work exemplify the theme of Pope Paul VI's World Day of Peace message, "To reach peace, teach peace." Today we continue to honor those people who, as Pope Francis stated in his 2021 World Day of Peace message, "educate for a culture of care," providing the compass which points the way on the path of peace to renewed encounter and healing.

All nominations must be received by April 7, 2026 to be considered.

Eligibility criteria for nominations for the Teacher of Peace Award are:

- > A living person
- > A Catholic individual or group
- > A person who has made significant contributions to Catholic peace with justice activities
- > A person who demonstrates a commitment to challenge and transform structures and cultures of oppression through active nonviolence and peace with justice.
- > National council members and former staff members of Pax Christi USA should be considered ineligible until at least three years have elapsed since leaving office.

Past recipients of this award who are still living and not eligible include:

Jim Albertini	Ruben Garcia	MJ and Jerry Park
Roy Bourgeois	Colleen Kelly	Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ
Mary Catherine Bunting	Kathy Kelly	Bill Quigley
Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB	Art Laffin	Martin Sheen
Marie Dennis	Rev. Bryan Massingale	Mobile (formerly Meta) Peace Team
Fr. Peter Dougherty	Elizabeth McAlister	
Jim and Shelley Douglass	Mary Meg McCarthy	
Msgr. Ray East	Kathy McGinnis	

To nominate someone for the Teacher of Peace Award, please fill out the form on the next page and return to:

Pax Christi USA
Attn: ToP nominations
415 Michigan Avenue, NE
Suite 340
Washington, DC 20017

NOMINATION FOR TEACHER OF PEACE 2026

Fill out the nominations form online [here](#) OR return this information by email or postal email:

Your name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Pax Christi USA Teacher of Peace **NOMINEE**: _____

Nominee's current address:

Street City State Zip

Nominee's phone: _____

Nominee's email: _____

Please answer the following statement (please keep your responses to one page). Return this form with the above information filled out. For questions, contact Charlene Howard at choward@paxchristiusa.org. Your nomination statement should clearly tie back to the criteria on the previous page.

I believe this person or group fulfills the criteria for the Pax Christi USA Teacher of Peace Award, exemplifies the theme "to reach peace, teach peace," and demonstrates an intentional and sustained effort to challenge and transform oppressive and racist structures through the practice of nonviolence by ...