

Addendum for Pax Christi MA Assembly

October 24, 2026

8:30 - 3:30

St. Susanna Parish Hall, 262 Needham Street, Dedham

Dr. Kevin Ahern, our keynote is a parent, educator, and organizer. He is a professor and chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Manhattan University, New York, where he also directs the Dorothy Day Center for Social Catholicism. An award-winning author, Dr. Ahern has written extensively on the role of social movements, Catholic educational and institutional ministries, and the history of student organizing.

Breaking News: In addition to our keynote speaker, two eminent guests are joining us. They will be part of the Q & A period with Kevin Ahern, to field questions and insights on their work for nuclear abolition, one of our greatest existential threats:

Archbishop John Wester of Santa Fe NM, who is the author the Pastoral Letter, “Living in the Light of Christ’s Peace” - A Conversation Toward Nuclear Disarmament, writes, “I invite you to have a conversation together about what it means to follow the risen, nonviolent Jesus who calls us to be peacemakers, put down the sword, and love everyone, even the enemies of our nation.” He is in Boston to receive the “Global Health and Peace Awards” from the Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility and the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War for his work to amplify the “moral, spiritual, and humanitarian” nature of these efforts.

Dr Ira Helfand, co-founder of Physicians for Social Responsibility, is the past president of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985, and a Steering Committee member of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), which was granted the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017. He is a dedicated advocate for nuclear abolition and respectfully works with students, encouraging them as they work for peace and nuclear disarmament alongside their elders.

Please go to www.paxchristima.org for fuller details on the Assembly. We ask those who have not yet registered to do so, so we can plan for adequate food for lunch.