

## what compels us

We, the members of PCF, compelled by the gospel message of Jesus and by Catholic social teaching, and animated by the Holy Spirit, dedicate ourselves to promote peace through justice.

(Mission: adopted October/2011)

## what's on our horizon

We see PCF as a non-violent prophetic voice calling all people, without exception, to work for peace with justice through prayer, study, and action. We collaborate with other peacemakers to advocate for the voiceless and the protection of our environment.

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## benefits of membership

- Add your voice to a growing movement for peace and justice within the state of Florida and beyond
- Attend PCF's annual retreats and assemblies at discounted fee for PCF members
- Purchase Pax Christi's annual Lent and Advent reflection booklets at reduced price
- Receive PCF's monthly prayer-study-action e-newsletters
- Receive special Action Alerts via our Faith In Action e-network



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founded 1982

the catholic peace movement

**do justice**  
**love mercy**  
**walk humbly with God**  
Micah 6:8

[paxchristiflorida.org](http://paxchristiflorida.org)

## OUR STORY

### in the beginning...

In 1945, a small group of Catholics in France began to meet regularly to pray for peace. They were troubled by the fact that French and German Catholics, who professed the same faith and celebrated the same Eucharist, had killed one another by the thousands during World War II. Knowing that this was not the will of God, they prayed for forgiveness, reconciliation, and the peace of Christ. This was the birth of Pax Christi, which literally translated, means "the peace of Christ."

### the movement grows...

The mission and movement spread throughout Europe in the 1950s and 1960s and in 1972 the U.S. chapter of Pax Christi was founded. For many years the national office of Pax Christi USA was located in Erie, PA. In 2011, the office moved to Wash., DC.

### today...

Pax Christi is active in over 30 countries, with a growing presence in Latin America and Africa. Pax Christi also has consultative status as a non-governmental organization at the United Nations.

## PAX CHRISTI FLORIDA

Pax Christi Florida (PCF) was founded in 1982 by John and Patricia Frank. In 2012 Pax Christi Florida celebrates 30 years of peace-making. PCF continues to engage its members in prayer, study, and action through its annual retreats and assemblies, monthly e-newsletters, and special action alerts.

PCF's Web site ([paxchristiflorida.org](http://paxchristiflorida.org)) provides a wealth of information including a list of Pax Christi Florida's council members and local chapters, details about PCF events, action suggestions and available resources, plus Pax Christi local, national and international news items and much more.

The following were identified by Pax Christi Florida's membership as priorities for 2011 - 2016:

**inclusivity  
nonviolence  
peace education  
community building  
environment**

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## JOIN US

I support Pax Christi Florida's Mission and Vision Statements and want to become a member:

***Please print!***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my membership fee of:

\_\_\_ \$25 individual

\_\_\_ \$35 family

\_\_\_ \$10 student

\_\_\_ I am unable to contribute at this time but I do want to be a PCF member

\_\_\_ I would like more information about joining a PCF local chapter.

\_\_\_ I would like more information about starting a PCF local chapter.

\_\_\_ I would like to further support the work of PCF through the Bi-monthly Giving Program. My initial contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

**Please send membership form to:**

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