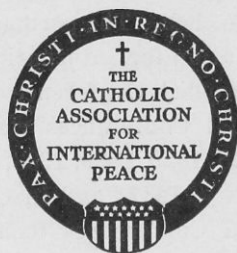


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HISTORY

THE Catholic Association for International Peace has grown out of a series of meetings during 1926-1927. Following the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago in 1926, representatives of a dozen nations met with Americans for discussion. In October of the same year a meeting was held in Cleveland where a temporary organization called The Catholic Committee on International Relations was formed. The permanent name, The Catholic Association for International Peace, was adopted at a two-day Conference in Washington in 1927. Annual Conferences were held in the same city in 1928, 1929, 1930, 1933, 1934 and 1935; in New York City, 1931; and in Cleveland, 1932. All-day regional Conferences took place in Chicago on Armistice Day, 1930, in St. Louis on Washington's Birthday, 1932, at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, November 19, 1933; at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 25, 1934; and at Villanova College, Villanova, Pennsylvania, on May 25, 1935. A Student Conference, under the auspices of the Catholic Association for International Peace, was conducted by the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, February 9, 1935.

The Association is a membership organization. It came into existence to help American public opinion, and particularly Catholics, in the task of ascertaining more fully the facts of international life and of deciding more accurately what ought to be done that the relations between nations may become just, charitable and peaceful. Being an association of Americans, it directs itself in a special manner to the international relations of the United States.

AIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION

To study, disseminate and apply the principles of natural laws and Christian charity to international problems of the day;

To consider the moral and legal aspects of any action which may be proposed or advocated in the international sphere;

To examine and consider issues which bear upon international goodwill;

To encourage the formation of conferences, lectures and study circles;

To issue reports on questions of international importance;

To further, in cooperation with similar Catholic organizations in other countries, in accord with the teachings of the Church, the object and purposes of world peace and happiness.

The ultimate purpose is to promote in conformity with the mind of the Church, "the Peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ."

PLAN OF C. A. I. P. COMMITTEE WORK

The international position of the United States has correspondingly magnified its opportunities and obligations. What the facts are of our international position and what obligations correspond to these facts form a complex set of questions. As citizens of a democracy and as Catholics, we are bound to see to it, as far as we may, that our citizenship is used to bring justice, charity and peace among the peoples of the earth. The Association wishes to do its part to help the United States and Catholics especially to know and live up to these opportunities.

It launches its work modestly. It proceeds with the care due the complicated subject with which it deals. Its present method is to bring together in Committees persons acquainted with particular phases of the question. These Committees prepare reports. The reports are dis-

cussed in the meetings of the organization. In the light of this discussion, they are then revised. Thereafter, they are presented to the Executive Committee which makes them public, not however as reports of the organization itself, but as reports of its Committees clearing the ground for further activities.

It hopes to continue to enlist the aid of scholars to make special and lengthy research. It desires to encourage further and ampler unfolding of information and judgments. It welcomes discussion of its reports, and of new work it might undertake in papers, magazines and from the platform.

The Association considers that this is the most practical method it can follow to build up a body of information and of judgments soundly based upon facts and right principles. It knows that while the ethics of international relations are in the main clear and definite, the application of these principles to particular cases requires an adequate knowledge of the facts. Therefore, while it begins its work with brief statements on the facts and ethics of international relations, which its Committees have prepared, it knows that its work has just begun.

ACTIVITIES

The Catholic Association for International Peace, working through its various Committees, is constantly preparing studies on international questions. Twenty-two Committee reports and eight miscellaneous pamphlets have already been issued. Besides this activity and the holding of Annual Regional and Student Conferences, the organization promotes international study clubs in Catholic colleges, seminaries and lay groups; it prepares and distributes special data, bibliographies, news releases, syllabi, study outlines, etc., on international problems; it translates and distributes foreign works on international subjects; it promotes annual Peace Programs in colleges, seminaries and Newman Clubs; it cooperates with

Catholic peace groups abroad and with some in this country; it invites all Catholics interested to participate in its program; and it aspires in various other ways to be of service to individuals and groups in their work of furthering "the Peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ."

MEMBERSHIP

The organization invites the membership of all Catholic persons interested in international affairs. It seeks especially the cooperation of those whose study and experience qualify them to assist in the preparation of the reports issued from time to time by its various Committees.

Members are entitled to all publications of the Association. The membership dues are:

Student	\$ 1.00
Contributing	5.00
Sustaining	10.00
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STUDY GROUPS

One of the main interests of the organization has been the creation and extension of Study Clubs on international problems in universities, colleges, and lay societies. These have been formed in many of the principal educational institutions and in organizations in various parts of the country. In most instances the texts of and the N. C. W. C. outlines supplementing the Committee reports have been used. The value of these is obvious. The first and most generally obligatory means of promoting Peace is through intelligent preparation. "Human brotherhood," states the report, *International Ethics*, "must be intensively and extensively preached to all groups and classes; in theological seminaries, in colleges and schools; in the pulpit and in catechetical instructions; in religious books and periodicals." Unless this is done no fundamental progress toward World Peace can be made.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE C. A. I. P.

Price—10c each; \$1.00 a dozen; \$8.00 a hundred

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(The principles of right and wrong in International Relations. Is an avoidable war a just war?)
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(History of national and international work of Church to promote peace.)

15. **War and Peace in St. Augustine's De Civitate Dei—**
(Historical account of views held and relations to contemporary movements.)
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(The idea of a society of nations in the light of Catholic teaching; cooperation of United States with League.)
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(History and activities—our relation to it.)
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(Menace to world cooperation—American nationalism past and present.)

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- Peace Trends
- Peace Statements of Recent Popes (N.C.W.C.)
- Syllabus on International Relations
- Appeals for Peace of Pope Benedict XV and Pope Pius XI
- Disarmament Statement (Free)
- Argentina—Land of the Eucharistic Congress, 1934
- The Christian Way to Peace (N.C.W.C.)

* *Study Club Outline Included*

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"Justice requires a state to promote peace for the sake of its own members, while charity obliges it to pursue the same end for the welfare of both itself and other nations. These duties rest not only upon governments, but upon peoples, particularly upon those persons and organizations which can exert influence upon public opinion and upon political rulers."

INTERNATIONAL ETHICS.

WHAT CATHOLICS CAN DO FOR PEACE

Catholics in the United States, blessed with a Faith that transcends barriers of nationality and color, are urged to cooperate both by education and action in the cause of Peace. None have so great and so sacred a responsibility as we to labor for international Peace based upon goodwill which can come only from Him in whose Mystical Body we are united. The present international chaos and the emphatic appeals of the present Pope to Catholics of all the world to unite in this movement make the work for Peace essential today. It is truly, as he has pointed out, "a vast and glorious field for all the Catholic laity."

"It is the duty of Catholics to assume their part in molding that public opinion and arousing that goodwill on which in the long run the Peace of the world depends," says the study on "Catholics and the Problem of Peace" issued by The Catholic Council on International Relations, England. "When public opinion is adequately informed of the requirements of justice, and there is everywhere a ready will to fulfill them, then Peace will be substantially secured. Among Catholics, above all, there should be no lack of a will to Peace and Justice; it is of the essence of their profession, the very spirit of their Faith. Hence the necessity of acquainting ourselves with both principles and facts in order to distinguish between genuine and false claims and the right conception of both national and international duty." In the publications of the C. A. I. P., can be found the answers to many questions which of necessity must confront Catholics concerned with international life and their relation as Catholics to it.

"The first and most generally obligatory means and action is education," states the report on International Ethics, C. A. I. P. "The people

require instruction concerning the universality of brotherhood, the possibility of permanent peace and the fallacy of indefinite preparedness, while statesmen stand in particular need of becoming familiar with the principles of international ethics.

“The second great duty in fulfilling our obligation of promoting world peace is to consider fairly and to support, so far as our abilities and conscience permit, practical proposals and arrangements for preventing war and making peace secure. In general terms these methods are pretty definitely formulated and pretty generally accepted.”

The Association would have Catholics in the United States do more than their numerical part to prevent another world war. More than our patriotic principles are here involved. Or rather, our citizenship influenced by our moral obligation to justice and charity calls upon us to act.

The Association urges Catholics in the United States to place their trust in God, to pray earnestly that the world not lead itself again into the moral and physical shambles of war, and to study diligently and work faithfully for the peace of the world.

The Association urges Catholics to extend Catholic Action and the knowledge of Catholic principles in order to banish enmity, to create a true love of Peace and a willingness to peace throughout the United States. It urges also active cooperation with organizations of general membership when there is clearly no danger of any misunderstanding of the principles of the Catholic faith.

It commends particularly the reports that have thus far come from its Committees and invites Catholic organizations and individuals to use these reports as a basis of study and discussion. It trusts and confidently looks forward to equally able reports from its Committees in the future.

It urges a careful reading of the articles on international relations in the Catholic press. It wishes to recommend also that more articles appear in the Catholic press on the life and customs of foreign countries. Many such articles are to be found in the secular press but they lack usually the appeal and the intimate knowledge which are possible with the wider facilities in this regard among Catholics.

It recommends also two steps that can well be taken by Catholic organizations. One is to have frequent lectures and addresses at organization meetings on topics in the field of international relations. A second is to create groups for the study of international relations. Such groups may well begin with the reports of the Association on International Ethics, *The Christian Way to Peace*, *International Economic Life*, to be followed by the others listed on pp. 6 and 7 of this booklet. Most of these studies are supplemented with study outlines as indicated on the list.

All persons interested in this work are urged to write to the Headquarters of the Association, 1312 Massachusetts Avenue N. W., Washington, D. C., for information and material dealing with the various problems of World Peace and Catholic Action.



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—*Allocution*, December 24, 1930,
POPE PIUS XI
