

COMMITMENT TO PEACE IN THE WORLD

January 24, 2002

As Religious Leaders of the Metropolitan Detroit Community gathered in SS. Peter and Paul Church, the oldest place of worship in our city, we stand united with Pope John Paul II and World Religious Leaders assembled in Assisi.

We pledge ourselves to be instruments of tranquility and channels of God's peace.

We know there is no possibility of reestablishing the broken order of our world unless justice, peace, and forgiveness embrace in love.

In response to globalized violence, let us forge a world-wide mobilization of consciences among us.

May we be Beacons of Hope wherever vulnerability and fear now reign.

May we rise from the ashes and embody hope for better days!

May we never let evil have the final word.

Let no religious leader ever condone, nor much less ever preach, any message of terrorism or violence which makes an idol of God and a profanity of the traditions we hold dear.

May we give corporate witness this day that forgiveness is always the high road to our life-long pursuit of lasting peace.

May we teach forgiveness and reconciliation at every opportunity so that we will be able to transcend our frail human nature and enjoy God's vision of harmony and unity.

May we lead our communities in genuine prayer for peace and healing, opening our hearts to new inroads of God's power.

May we discover the spiritual path of pilgrimage and build a civilization of love in every city and corner of the earth.

May God show us the many gateways to peace. Amen.



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