

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS



How can Catholics and people of good will answer the Gospel call: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God”?

How can the biblical call to justice and peace, Catholic social teaching, and moral principles on the use of force help us assess and respond to the horrific violence we see across the world today?

What is the role of communities of faith, universities, and individuals in fostering dialogue, reconciliation, and healing in our broken world?

In a world fractured by terrible violence, from Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan, and other places, the pursuit of peace seems more distant than ever. Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis has lamented this “third world war fought piecemeal.” This dialogue at Georgetown University in Washington, DC drew on the **principles of Catholic social thought to explore what people of faith and others can do to respond to these crises** and their immense human and moral costs.

The dialogue featured **scholars, theologians, and grassroots voices** who illuminated **the moral imperatives of peacemaking in these troubled times**, discussed the complexities of conflict resolution and use of force, and offered some possible pathways toward a more just and peaceful world.

To view the video of this event, CLICK:

<https://catholicsocialthought.georgetown.edu/events/blessed-are-the-peacemakers>

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The section on **South Sudan** presented by **Sr. Mūmbi Kīgūtha, CPPS**, is recorded from **29:48 – 38:38**. Sr. Mumbi is the president of Friends in Solidarity (FIS), the U.S. partner of Solidarity with South Sudan. She continues to minister as a reconciliation consultant for various local and international entities and speaks on several social justice issues.

