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His Eminence Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson, President
Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace
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Your Eminence:

I read with great interest of the impending conference on Nonviolence and Just Peace, to be held next week, jointly sponsored by your Council and Pax Christi International. With humility, I am submitting to you 100 copies of a special edition of our publication, the Oklahoma City Catholic Worker. I ask that you make them available to the delegates, for their prayerful consideration.

If we are going to question the role of the so-called “just war” in Catholic teaching, we should begin with an examination of conscience as to how we have used, or perhaps a better word would be abused, those concepts. The record of history on that is rather clear, when it comes to the moral failures of the United States Catholic Bishops and the wars on the people of Iraq and Afghanistan.

It seems to me that the whole world should be concerned about the fact that the United States Catholic bishops do not have a clear understanding of the Church’s existing teachings on war, and they lack the moral conviction to preach and teach those principles, and hold the Catholic people of the United States, and its government, accountable for obedience to those teachings.

Praying for the success of the conference, I am,

Your littlest brother in Christ Jesus,

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Bob Waldrop

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