

PACEM IN TERRIS  
PEACE  
AND FREEDOM  
AWARD

*Sunday, September 20, 2009*

StAmbrose  
University

DAVENPORT, IOWA



## Hildegard Goss-Mayr

Born in Austria in 1930, Hildegard Goss-Mayr grew up in a Catholic family dedicated to peace during the Nazi regime. For over 50 years, Hildegard

Goss-Mayr has been one of the world's leading advocates of nonviolence as the way to peace on earth. As the preeminent teacher of nonviolence of our time, she has been nominated multiple times for the Nobel Peace Prize. She was inspired by her own father, a peace activist who suffered at the hands of the Gestapo for his efforts.

Goss-Mayr and her husband, Jean, who died in 1991, worked as a team in peace-making efforts around the world: Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa. Goss-Mayr has lived out the principles of the papal encyclical *Pacem in Terris* by devoting her life to peacemaking and nonviolence.

## 2009 PACEM IN TERRIS PEACE AND FREEDOM AWARD

The Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award was created in 1964 by the

Davenport Catholic Interracial Council.

Since 1976, the award has been presented by the Quad City Pacem in Terris Coalition.

The award honors Pope John XXIII and commemorates his 1963 encyclical letter, *Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth)*, which called on all people to secure peace among all nations.

### **THE 2009 PACEM IN TERRIS PLANNING COMMITTEE AND CONTRIBUTORS**

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The Catholic Messenger

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Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa

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*“We should remember  
that no effort, no action  
that we carry out through  
the force of Love and  
Truth is ever lost.”*

—HILDEGARD GOSS-MAYR

2009  
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is presented to

**Hildegard Goss-Mayr**

by

Bishop Martin Amos  
on behalf of the  
Quad City Pacem in Terris Coalition

In light of your passionate  
commitment to peace and justice through  
nonviolent action, and for teaching  
nonviolence to people around the world  
for over fifty years, we recognize you as  
a teacher, a visionary and a pioneer who  
helped forge a new path toward peace  
on earth for all humanity.

You embody the words of Pope John XXIII  
in his encyclical *Pacem in Terris* as  
a “spark of light, a center of love, a  
vivifying leaven” to your sisters and  
brothers around the world.

Given on this 20th day of  
September 2009 in Davenport, Iowa,  
USA.

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PROGRAM

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

Rita Cameron, PBVM

**WELCOME**

Joan Lescinski, CSJ, PhD  
President, St. Ambrose University

**OPENING PRAYER**

Kent Ferris, SFO

**HISTORY OF AWARD**

Msgr. Marvin Mottet

**LITANY HONORING PAST RECIPIENTS**

Gale Francione  
Ollie Finn  
Glenn Leach

**BIOGRAPHY OF THE RECIPIENT**

Rev. Richard Deats

**AWARD PRESENTATION**

Most Rev. Martin Amos, DD  
Bishop, Diocese of Davenport

**REMARKS**

Hildegard Goss-Mayr

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Marilyn Ring, OSB

*Please join us for a public reception  
immediately after the ceremony*

## PACEM IN TERRIS PEACE AND FREEDOM AWARD

**John F. Kennedy** awakened in us a hope that no problem was too great to conquer—race relations, violence or poverty—when citizens work together. (1964, posthumous presentation)

**John Howard Griffin's** powerful book, *Black Like Me*, showed us how we are too often judged not by the content of our character but by the color of our skin. (1964)

**Martin Luther King, Jr.** challenged us to dream of a world transformed through nonviolent civil rights activism. (1965)

**R. Sargent Shriver**, first director of the Peace Corps, taught us that one person can indeed make a difference. (1966)

**A. Philip Randolph** organized railway employees and convinced us that the dignity of work must be rewarded with a just wage. (1967)

**Father James Groppi** awoke people to the injustice of unfair housing and racial prejudice in Milwaukee. (1968)

**Saul Alinsky** taught people how to organize and to act together in promoting justice in society. (1969)

**Dorothy Day** founded the Catholic Worker Movement and reminded us to look for Christ in the faces of the poor. (1972)

**Senator Harold Hughes** brought the message of the Gospel to the cause of equal education, civil rights and opposition to capital punishment. (1974)

**Dom Helder Camara**, gentle shepherd of the poor of northwestern Brazil, embraced the impoverished and gave sharp prophecy to the wealthy. (1975)

**Blessed Mother Teresa** of Calcutta gave hope to the desperate and offered light to those living in abject poverty. (1976)

**Bishop Thomas Gumbleton** challenged church leadership to embrace nonviolence instead of the just war theory. (1979)

**Crystal Lee Sutton** organized labor in the south and reminded us that equal work demands equal pay. (1980)

**Bishop Ernest Unterkoefler** advocated for the rights of workers and helped to buoy the labor movement among the poor in Appalachia. (1980)

**George Kennan**, statesman and diplomat, realized that the only hope for solving the world's problems lies in abandoning violence. (1982)

**Helen M. Caldicott**, Australian physician and peace advocate, spoke on behalf of the world's children in the face of possible nuclear holocaust. (1983)

**Cardinal Joseph Bernardin**, through his notion of the "seamless garment," taught us that all life is God-given and therefore precious. (1985)

**Bishop Maurice Dingman**, through his love for the land, worked for peace and justice and reminded all of us of our roots in the soil. (1986)

**Archbishop Desmond Tutu** helped free South Africa from the yoke of apartheid, teaching the entire world that racial injustice is sacrilege. (1987)

**Eileen Egan**, through her work with Pax Christi and Catholic Relief Services, addressed the world's problems through missionary zeal and creative nonviolence. (1989)

**Mairead Corrigan Maguire**, peace advocate in Ireland, has become a global force against violence in the name of religion. (1990)

**Maria Julia Hernandez** directed the Human Rights Committee in El Salvador, which publicized the atrocities commission in that nation's long civil war. (1991)

**Cesar Chávez** led the United Farm Workers to become a passionate voice for workers who have long been disenfranchised. (1992)

**Father Daniel Berrigan**, poet, prophet and priest, has offered powerful witness on behalf of peace and justice. (1993)

**Jim Wallis**, founder of the Sojourners Christian Community, has brought people of faith to espouse radical social engagement. (1995)

**Bishop Samuel Ruiz** showed great courage in his fight against the violence and injustice inflicted against the poor and oppressed of Chiapas, Mexico. (1996)

**Jim and Shelley Douglass**, the only married couple to receive the award, have been steadfast in their efforts to build a world of peace based on justice. (1997)

**Sister Helen Prejean**, through her loving presence on death row, has fostered reconciliation and spiritual healing. (1998)

**Adolfo Pérez Esquivel** has inspired the world with his Gospel-rooted work on behalf of Argentina's "disappeared ones." (1999)

**Monsignor George Higgins** wove together communities of faith and organized labor to support economic justice. (2000)

**Lech Walesa**, defender of the rights of workers in the face of Communist repression in Poland, has become a global leader for freedom and democracy. (2001)

**Sisters Dorothy Marie and Gwen Hennessey**, OSF, sibling sisters and Dubuque Franciscans, have devoted their lives and ministry to local activism on global issues of peace and justice. (2002)

**Arthur Simon**, founder of Bread for the World, has shown how one person can make a difference alleviating world hunger. (2004)

**Don Mosley** of Jubilee Partners has served others by offering hospitality to refugees, housing for the homeless and mediation to situations of war. (2005)

**Bishop Salim Ghazaal** has worked with Muslims and Christians to promote reconciliation, peace and hope for young people and others displaced by Lebanon's civil war. (2007)

**Msgr. Marvin Mottet** has devoted his life to walking the two feet of social action: direct service and social justice. (2008)