

PACEM IN TERRIS
PEACE
AND FREEDOM
AWARD

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StAmbrose
University

DAVENPORT, IOWA



Bishop Alvaro Leonel Ramazzini

Bishop Alvaro Leonel Ramazzini was born July 16, 1947 in Ciudad de Guatemala. He was ordained on June 27, 1971 and ordained as bishop of San Marcos on January 6, 1989.

Bishop Ramazzini is this year's recipient of the Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award for his continuing efforts on behalf of Guatemala's most vulnerable communities, the indigenous people of Guatemala. His leadership in defense of these people has placed him at personal risk from those who would profit from the land without regard for the people who have lived there for hundreds of years.

Driven by his concerns for his people, Bishop Ramazzini has worked internationally by speaking to governing bodies in the U.S. and other countries about the interrelated issues of migration, the rights of migrants, fair trade and environmental respect. Despite the constant risk, he continues to press for peace and justice because of his love for his people and the knowledge that much remains to be done, both in his country and in ours.

*“Long-term solutions
to problems will occur
when we begin to place the
dignity of the human person,
especially the poor,
at the center
of our discussion.”*

—Bishop Alvaro Leonel Ramazzini

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)

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)

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

Hildegard Goss-Mayr is one of the world's leading experts on nonviolence, a teacher, visionary and pioneer who helped forge a new path toward peace on earth for all humanity. (2009)

Reverend John Dear, SJ, a Jesuit priest, has delivered the message of the nonviolent Jesus in word and deed in confronting nuclear arms manufacturing and use. (2010)

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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 “consistent ethic of life” and 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 has 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 and spoke for the victims of the long civil war in El Salvador. (1991)

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

Daniel Berrigan, SJ, American poet, peace activist and Catholic 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 has lent great courage to his fight against 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)

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

PROGRAM

MUSICAL PRELUDE
Christopher Clow

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

OPENING PRAYER
Rabbi Henry Jay Karp

HISTORY OF AWARD
Msgr. Marvin Mottet

LITANY HONORING PAST RECIPIENTS
Mark Malkowski
Kristen Jett
Tony Raya
Joe Norris

BIOGRAPHY OF THE RECIPIENT
Loxi Hopkins

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

REMARKS
Bishop Alvaro Leonel Ramazzini

CLOSING PRAYER
Hilary Mullany, OSF

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

2011 PACEM IN TERRIS PEACE AND FREEDOM AWARD

is presented to

Bishop Alvaro Leonel Ramazzini

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

In light of your passionate commitment to peace and justice and through your forthright defense and leadership on behalf of Guatemala's most vulnerable communities, you have drawn the world's attention to the abuse against the exploitation of mineral resources by multinational companies.

You have likewise advocated for just immigration laws and international trade policies. You have fearlessly sought an end to war and bloodshed by working on peace accords and human rights reports. These, and all of your social justice efforts, have in turn fostered civil courage for the people of Guatemala, the region and the world.

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 second day of October 2011 in
Davenport, Iowa, USA

The Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award was created in 1964 by the Davenport Catholic Interracial Council. Since 1978, 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 2011 PACEM IN TERRIS PLANNING COMMITTEE AND CONTRIBUTORS

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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)

Dr. 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's efforts to organize railway employees convinced us that the dignity of work must be rewarded with a just wage. (1967)

Reverend 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)

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)

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)