Marie Dennis was one of the primary organizers of the April 2016 Conference on Nonviolence and Just Peace that was cosponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and Pax Christi International which helped to bring us Pope Francis’ World Day of Peace message! The Catholic Nonviolence Initiative, a project of Pax Christi International, affirms that active nonviolence is at the heart of the vision and message of Jesus, the life of the Catholic Church, and the long-term vocation of healing and reconciling both people and the planet. In 2016 Marie received the Public Peace Prize and was named Person of the Year by National Catholic Reporter. We are so very honored to have her in our Diocese. PLEASE join us as we focus our morning on this 3rd ASPECT of a vibrant and well-balanced Parish Social Ministry: charity, justice and PEACEMAKING! Let this powerful and poignant message from our Pope inspire you to mark your calendar now and attend this gathering in the Fall!

Afternoon workshops will include presentations about Environmental Ministry, Human Trafficking, and Prison Ministry.

Click HERE to register for this Fall’s SERVICE convocation.
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We will remember in a very special way Blessed Stanley Rother - killed in Guatemala on July 28, 1981. In December 2016, Pope Francis officially acknowledged Fr. Rother’s martyrdom, making him the first recognized martyr to have been born in the United States. He will be beatified in Oklahoma City as we gather on Sept. 23, 2017.

The following organizations will also be present to help us expand our Parish Social Ministry efforts:

- **Catholic Relief Services**
- **Ignatian Volunteer Corps of NEPA** for parish volunteers 50+
- **Catholic Social Services** of our diocese
- **Friends from Bethlehem, Palestine** will be with us selling olive wood gifts from the Holy Land, just in time for the Feast of St. Francis. Check out their website – Little Bethlehem