PATHWAYS TO PEACE

Marquette’s campaign to create the next generation of peacemakers
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Before the Center for Peacemaking opened in January 2008, the Rynne’s shared an ambitious dream—for every student at Marquette to learn how to work nonviolently for the promotion of peace before they graduate. What started as a small experiment has grown into one of Marquette’s most robust centers.

For 15 years, the Center for Peacemaking has been at the forefront of educating the next generation of peacemakers and putting peacemaking into practice in Milwaukee and beyond.

Peace Studies classes educate students in the theories and skills of nonviolent change. They challenge students to apply what they learn to advance the greater good.

High-impact experiences shape students’ core values and beliefs. They inspire students to make peacemaking a lifelong pursuit.

Community peacemaking initiatives directly benefit the communities we work in. They also help students build the confidence to be active participants and leaders in changing society.

In the following pages you will read more about the impact we’ve made, as well as our dreams for the future.

I humbly invite you to join in supporting this campaign. You have the power to shape the next generation of nonviolent peacemakers.

Dr. Patrick Kennelly
Director, Marquette University Center for Peacemaking
OUR MISSION

The Marquette University Center for Peacemaking strives to empower the university and wider community to explore together the necessary skills to become informed, spiritually centered, nonviolent peacemakers.

Rooted in the Ignatian charism, the Center works with a spirit of confidence and joy to achieve an awakening to the complementary relationship of scholarship, spirituality, nonviolent living, and the active struggle for peace and justice.
CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

Through these priorities, you can shape the next generation of peacemakers.

Student Transformational Experiences
Your support means that students, regardless of their financial situation, will be able to participate in life-changing opportunities like immersion trips and fellowship programs.

Endowed Peace Studies Professorship
Your support ensures students receive classroom exposure to core concepts of peace studies, environmental justice, and theology as foundational components of a Marquette education.

Community Peacemaking Initiatives
Your support creates opportunities for students to gain real world experience and the community to benefit from projects that leverage the University’s expertise to solve pressing problems.

Center for Peacemaking Endowment
Your support will provide revenue for the Center’s operations today and in perpetuity. An endowment is essential to the long-term growth of peacemaking programs at Marquette.
STUDENT FORMATION

PEACE MAKING: DEVELOPMENT
OF THE WHOLE PERSON

At its core, peacemaking consists of building communities where all people can thrive and no one suffers from indignities.

From our years of working with young people during the most formative stages of their lives, we’ve found the development of peacemakers happens on two important levels: the personal and the professional.

Developing the **personal** values, skills, and commitments of a peacemaker.

Making it a **professional** practice and life-long pursuit to work for the community’s well-being.
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

PEACE STUDIES

PRAGMATIC
From start to finish, the skills and knowledge students learn in peace studies are meant to be put into practice. Students design a nonviolent action campaign in our project-based Intro class. They also gain valuable professional experience by completing an internship in our Capstone course.

PROBLEM SOLVERS
Our interdisciplinary structure prepares students to address some of the most pressing issues in our communities. That’s why they take courses in the arts, sciences, humanities, and vocational disciplines.

INNOVATIVE
From this foundation, students learn skills that uniquely prepare them to act as peacemakers and leaders in their personal and professional lives.

CAMPAIGN PRIORITY
Students feel empowered when they meet faculty who connect with them, challenge them, and inspire them.
Encounters like these are the impetus behind the endowed professorship to teach peace studies, environmental justice, and theology.
HIGH-IMPACT EXPERIENCES

IMMERSION PROGRAMS

LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES
Immersion experiences mold students’ core values, beliefs, and aspirations. They provide students space to develop the confidence necessary to act as leaders with strong understandings of culture and identity.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
From experiencing a new culture to visiting historic sites, our travel and immersion programs deeply influence how students engage with current events and historical struggles for social justice.

“This has been my favorite experience at Marquette by far.”
– Civil Rights Pilgrimage participant

CAMPAIGN PRIORITY
We don’t want cost to be a barrier for any student to travel. That’s why we are seeking endowment gifts for transformational experiences—to ensure these formative experiences are affordable for all students.
The El Salvador program focuses on human rights in Central America. Students learn how to promote justice for those impacted by foreign and immigration policies.

The Civil Rights Pilgrimage visits spaces and places where the historic US Civil Rights Movement was waged. Students learn how to engage in work and dialogue that promotes racial justice.

Scan to learn more about immersion trips.
Claire Guinta (Arts ’18) completed a fellowship with Nonviolent Peaceforce during the summer of 2017. The fellowship funding helped her travel to New York, where she attended meetings at the United Nations on unarmed civilian protection.

Claire now works full-time with Nonviolent Peaceforce. She is always excited to guest lecture to Marquette students in the Introduction to Peace Studies class.
HIGH-IMPACT EXPERIENCES

PEACEMAKING FELLOWSHIPS

EN(COURAGE)MENT
Our fellowship programs meet students where they are, providing timely financial support toward students’ personal and professional goals.

Knowing there are donors willing to invest in them provides students with the courage to further explore their interest in nonviolence.

THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS
Beyond gaining valuable experience, students develop as leaders in the communities where they work.

• Undergraduate fellows complete peacemaking-related internships, research, and self-designed projects
• Graduate fellows take on advanced responsibilities to assist with carrying out the missions of community-based organizations and initiatives.

IMPACT SPOTLIGHT
Inspired by how students at the Center directly impact the communities in which we work, the Byrne family was inspired to make a gift. Through an endowed fund, the Byrne’s support student formation and community-based fellowship placements.
COMMUNITY PEACEMAKING INITIATIVES

PARC INITIATIVE

Peacemaking is a community-engaged process that belongs in every neighborhood.

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE

The Promoting Assets, Reducing Crime (PARC) initiative is based in Milwaukee’s seven Near West Side neighborhoods. Since 2015, PARC has advanced four themes: commercial corridor development, health equity, housing stability, and a safe environment. Everyone in our community—residents, employees, business owners, and guests—realize the benefits.

LEARN BY DOING

From planning to implementation to evaluation, Marquette students work closely with experts from a variety of disciplines and industries. Together, they contribute to measurable changes in quality of life metrics and the community’s physical environment.

- 54 new businesses since start of project
- 87% of residents have a positive perception of their health
- 58 properties registered with the Good Neighbor Program
- 61% of residents have a positive perception of safety
CAMPAIGN PRIORITY

Fund community peacemaking initiatives for students to directly contribute to solving community-identified needs in Milwaukee and beyond.

Scan to learn more about PARC
Violence is one of the most pressing challenges in our communities. Peace Works equips youth with the tools and skills to respond nonviolently to the interpersonal and mental health challenges they may encounter.

The Peace Works curriculum is specially designed to address trauma and violence. Marquette staff and students train K-12 youth in school-based environments so they can succeed now and later in life.

Resilient youth are a hallmark of resilient communities. Peace Works addresses equity in health and education by providing therapeutic services, trauma-informed lessons, and social emotional learning in a restorative setting.

Peacemaking takes practice. That’s why we believe peace education is as important as math, science, English, and history.

At the MPS Success Center, social emotional learning is taught as part of the core curriculum.
Scaling Wellness in Milwaukee (SWIM) offers and incorporates trauma-informed practices and resiliency training into wellness services offered throughout Milwaukee.

Located in Milwaukee’s Near West Side, the SWIM Hub is a community center where residents, front-line workers, and community-based organizations can access wellness services.

Marquette students and faculty coordinate and co-lead SWIM trauma and resilience trainings for schools, nonprofits, and community organizations. Together we are creating a more resilient Milwaukee.
Services offered at the SWIM Hub include acupuncture, energy work, spiritual companionship, and massage.
Guided by our tagline—exploring the power of nonviolence—the Center launched with a small nucleus of participants, programs, and supporters.

The Center’s programs and community grew as our initial cohorts of students graduated and we started to see the impact of community-based initiatives.

2008
Center for Peacemaking opened

2008
Peace Works launched

2012
Peace Studies major approved

2013
M&J endowed fellowship established

2015
PARC launched

2018
India study abroad began

2019
MPS Success Center opened
The Center’s impact is undeniable—our mission and reputation attract a growing community of students, faculty, alumni, and supporters.

Marquette launches the Pathways to Peace campaign to ensure Marquette’s status as a place for current and future generations to learn and practice nonviolence.

2019
Bud Frankel fellowship initiated

2020
Byrne endowed fund established

2022
El Salvador program starts with M&J Travel Fund

2022
Civil Rights Pilgrimage launched

2023
SWIM collaboration started

Will you consider a financial gift to help prepare the next generation of nonviolent changemakers?
WAYS TO GIVE:

annual giving
multi-year pledge
estate gift
endowment gift
SUPPORT MARQUETTE. SUPPORT PEACE MAKING.

Through your philanthropic support, you have the power to change students’ lives and build stronger communities.

Your generosity means more classroom learning, more high-impact experiences, more applied peacemaking, and more exploring the power of nonviolence.

As we look to the future, we are dreaming bigger than ever. We are excited to shape the next generation of peacemakers through the following priorities:

- Transformational experiences
- Endowed peace studies professorship
- Community peacemaking initiatives
- Center for Peacemaking endowment

There are a variety of ways to give and we are pleased to find the way that works best for you. I invite you to connect with me to discuss how you can support peacemaking at Marquette.

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