

## Marie Dennis



Marie Dennis is the senior program director of Pax Christi International's Catholic Nonviolence Initiative. She was a member of the Pax Christi International board from 1999 to 2019 and co-president from 2007 to 2019. She is a Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace and was named a Pax Christi USA Teacher of Peace in 2022. Marie worked for the Maryknoll Missioners from 1989 to 2012, including 15 years as director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns. She holds a master's degree in moral theology from Washington Theological Union and honorary doctorates from Trinity Washington University and Alvernia University. She is a Secular Franciscan, author or co-author of seven books, including *Oscar Romero: Reflections on His Life and Writings* and *St. Francis and the Foolishness of God*; editor of *Choosing Peace: The Catholic Church Returns to Gospel Nonviolence*; and co-editor of *Advancing Nonviolence and Just Peace in the Church and the*

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