

Sacred Earth And Space Plowshares II



"They shall beat their swords into plowshares..." Isaiah 2:4

Amid all the talk of other countries possessing weapons of mass destruction, three Roman Catholic Sisters, Ardeth Platte, Carol Gilbert and Jackie Hudson decided to look in the US to expose weapons of mass destruction here. Consequently, since October, they have been in jail in Colorado.

In a farmer's field in Colorado, early in the morning of October 6, 2002, the first anniversary of the US bombing of Afghanistan, the sisters, wearing hazmat suits labeled "Citizens Weapons Inspection Team" and "Disarmament Specialists", inspected a suspicious site and found a first-strike 300 kiloton (20 x the Hiroshima bomb) Minuteman III nuclear missile on high-alert. They hammered on the missile silo, and poured their blood on it to symbolically disarm the missile. They cut the fence around the silo to open the site up to public inspection. Forty-five minutes later they were arrested and taken to jail.

The nuns and their legal team argue the obvious. Any United States threat or use of any weapon or tactic of mass destruction is every bit as illegal and criminal as anyone else's. Threat or use of a Minuteman III nuclear weapon is a war crime and terrorism. The US must declare all its weapons of mass destruction, take them off high alert, and enter into good faith negotiations for complete nuclear disarmament.

The choice is not between violence or nonviolence but between nonviolence or non-existence -Martin Luther King Jr.

If the US won't follow its own laws and international law, then citizens should find, inspect and symbolically disarm all US nuclear weapons.

Carol, Jackie and Ardeth are charged with Sabotage and Malicious Destruction of Property of the United States. These two charges carry maximum sentences of 20 and 10 years respectively, and up to \$250,000 in fines on each count.

Pretrial Hearing: March 28th

Trial : March 31st 10:30 am

Location: Denver Federal Court

Write to the sisters at:

Clear Creek Co. Jail

Box 518

Georgetown, CO 80444

An Invitation to stand in Solidarity With The Sacred Earth and Space Plowshares II

I stand in solidarity with Sisters Carol, Ardeth, and Jackie of the Sacred Earth and Space Plowshares II, calling for nuclear disarmament and an end to war-making on behalf of present and future generations and of the Earth.

Name _____
Print Signature

Address _____
Street Post Office

City State Zip

I understand that my name may be used in a public way or in print or in a statement of solidarity in the court proceedings.

Please send to:

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