

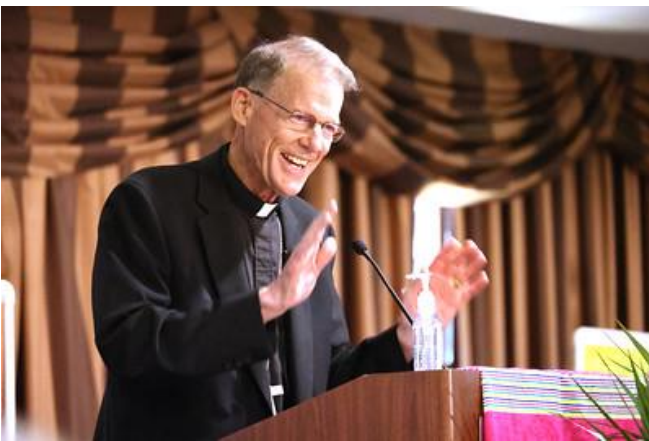
**Pax Christi So Cal 2022 Fall Assembly**  
**Saturday, October 1, 10AM to 12:30PM**

**Speaker and Panelists Bios**



**Sister Simone Campbell** (Roman Catholic Sister of Social Service) is a religious leader, attorney, author and recipient of a 2022 Presidential Medal of Freedom (the United States' highest civilian honor). She has extensive experience in public policy rooted in the lived experiences of people at the economic margins of society. Now she leads "Understanding US" focused on political healing. For 17 years she was executive director of NETWORK, Lobby for Catholic Social Justice and leader of Nuns on the Bus. Her healthcare policy work was seminal in passage of the Affordable Care Act. She

has received numerous awards including the "Defender of Democracy Award" from the Parliamentarians for Global Action. Prior to Washington, this native Californian did state advocacy and for 18 years was the founder of the Oakland Community Law Center. Her two award winning books are [A Nun on the Bus](#) (2014) and [Hunger for Hope](#) (2020).



Santa Fe's **Archbishop John Wester** has called, in his Pastoral 'Living in the Light of Christ's Peace', for an end to the arms race and for taking the necessary steps towards full nuclear disarmament. His call comes from a place where nuclear weapons were first tested and continue to be developed and stockpiled. Conversation has been initiated by him to work on a national and international level to bring about nuclear

disarmament. Together, we are called to walk with him toward anew future of peace.



Panelist **Gary Butterfield** is past President of the San Diego Chapter of Veterans for Peace and currently on the Steering Committee of the VFP Climate Crisis & Militarism Project. Gary was drafted into the US Army during the Vietnam War and opposed the war while in the military and filed for conscientious objector status. He is also a member of San Diego chapter of 350.org and is keenly interested in the effects of militarism on the climate crisis.



Panelist **Cathleen (Cathy) Crayton** is a Pax Christi Ambassador of Peace and has served many years with Pax Christi as a regional representative, Councilmember, and a founding member of PCART. She helped develop and co-facilitate the 7.5-hour anti-racism workshop presented to local Pax Christi groups around the country. Cathy has served on several committees and boards including NETWORK, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development advisory group, and the Justice and Peace Commission for the

Archdiocese of Los Angeles. She is presently a member of the City of Claremont (California) Human Relations Committee



Panelist **Frank Bognar** serves as the Board Chair of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation of Santa Barbara, California. Frank served on the board of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, a partner organization of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), a coalition of nongovernmental organizations world-wide, which received the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize for its work on the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. He has authored *Flash of Light: One Americans Journey Across the Nuclear Age*, this book is much more than a historical reflection, it's "A Memoir illuminating a Path to World Peace." Frank believes that our world is at an existential crossroads, the moment of choice, when we must make the decision of placing our faith and

future in the possession and advancement of nuclear weapons, or in renouncing them.