Media and Public Advisory:
The Hibaku Maria of Nagasaki Brings Witness of Atomic Bomb Suffering to the United Nations and Los Alamos, New Mexico

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What: The Partnership for a World without Nuclear Weapons, comprised of the Catholic dioceses of Santa Fe, Seattle, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, will bear witness to atomic bomb suffering during a peace pilgrimage to the United Nations for the first Review Conference of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) that begins November 30. This will be followed by media and public events in New Mexico, including Los Alamos, where the atomic bombs that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki were designed and built.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons has been signed or ratified by most of the world's countries, just like earlier chemical and biological weapons ban treaties. However, this ban treaty is bitterly opposed by the nine nuclear weapons powers. Global nuclear threats are rising, the last arms control treaty expired in February, and the recent Review Conference for the NonProliferation Treaty failed for the third time to make any progress whatsoever toward nuclear disarmament. In response, the Partnership for a World without Nuclear Weapons is conveying the original Hibaku Maria of Nagasaki to the United States to underscore the urgent need for long-sought nuclear weapons abolition. (The Hibaku Maria is a bust of Mary charred by the August 9, 1945, plutonium bomb.)

Who, When, and Where (in person attendance encouraged, especially for media)**:**

- 6:00 pm EST Wednesday, December 2: Press conference at the entrance of the Holy Family Church next to the United Nations, 315 E 47th St, New York, NY 10017. Speakers are Santa Fe Archbishop John Wester; Nagasaki Archbishops Peter Nakamura and Joseph Takami (Emeritus); Melissa Parke, Executive Director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons; and Ms. Setsuko Thurlow, Hiroshima A-bomb survivor. ICAN and Ms. Thurlow were co-recipients of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize. Live stream at https://www.youtube.com/@nagasakicollegio
- 6:30 pm EST Wednesday, December 2: Interfaith Service dedicated to Nuclear Disarmament, Holy Family Church, 315 E 47th St, New York, NY 10017. For more, please see bit.ly/Dec2-interfaith
- 11:00–11:40 am MT, Friday, December 4: Press Conference at the SALA Event Center, Hill Room, 2551 Central Ave, Los Alamos, NM. Speakers: Santa Fe Archbishop John Wester; the Nagasaki Archbishops; Myrriah Gomez, University of New Mexico professor and author of *Nuclear Nuevo México: Colonialism.* Livestream at https://www.youtube.com/@aarchuletaasf
- 7:00 pm MT, Friday, December 4: *The Hibaku Maria of Nagasaki Meets Santa Fe's Our Lady of Peace*, 505 Camino Marquez, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Speakers: Santa Fe Archbishop John Wester; the Nagasaki Archbishops; Tina Cordova, Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium; Jay Coghlan, Nuclear Watch New Mexico. Live stream at https://nukewatch.org/2Madonnas
- 10:00 am MT December 5, Partnership for a World without Nuclear Weapons prayer gathering, testimonies, and fellowship at the historic Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, 131 Cathedral Pl, Santa Fe, NM 87501. See Cathedral website https://www.cbsfa.org/ for live stream.
- 5:40 to 8:00 pm MT Saturday December 5: Historic Catholic Mass and formal procession of the three Madonnas (the Hibaku Maria of Nagasaki, Santa Fe's Our Lady of Peace and Our Lady of Guadalupe) with traditional *Matachine* dancers, the *Ballet Folclórico* and Pueblo representatives. San Jose Parish, 2401 Broadway Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

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See Nagasaki Archbishop Emeritus Joseph Takami's compelling video message on the 81st anniversary of the Trinity Test at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F_pn98cJRsWxBIyaNXV0YycqWr0ReYj6/view?usp=drive_link