

SYLVANIA FRANCISCAN VILLAGE
ANNUAL KARL RAHNER LECTURE
In honor of Father Jim Bacik



THE CHALLENGE OF PEACE:
God's Promise and Our Response

Thursday, May 23, 2019

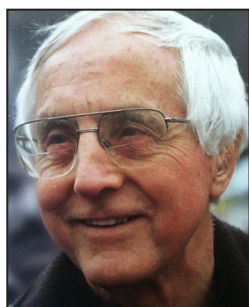
5:30 - 7 pm

Franciscan Center, 6832 Convent Blvd.

Reception to follow

GUEST LECTURER:

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton



Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, a retired auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit, is a leading voice for peace, justice and civil rights in the Catholic Church. One of the first bishops to speak out against the Vietnam War, he is a founding

member of Pax Christi USA, the American Catholic peace movement. Bishop Gumbleton has traveled throughout the world calling for an end to war and the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Bishop Gumbleton's lecture shares its name with the U.S. Bishops' 1983 pastoral letter on war and peace, of which he is a co-author. The Doomsday Clock is now set at two minutes to midnight, as close to the symbolic point of annihilation that the iconic clock has been since 1953 at the height of the Cold War. Never has this pastoral letter, penned in response to the nuclear arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union, been more important and timely. In this lecture, Bishop Gumbleton will explore Catholic teaching on war and nuclear weapons in the context of history, highlight Pope Francis' efforts to bring renewed focus to the Gospel message of nonviolence and discuss the theological foundations of the Christian call to peacemaking.

Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door

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