

Registration Form

To register, please fill out this form and return it to the address listed below **no later than September 25th**.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Morning refreshments & lunch will be provided.

Registration fee: \$35 (includes lunch)
\$25 with student ID

Scholarships may be available—please call the PCMNY office for more information.

I enclose my \$35 registration fee.

I will pay \$25 at the door with student ID.

I enclose a donation of \$_____ toward the scholarship fund.

I am interested in receiving a scholarship to attend the Assembly.

Make checks payable to:

Pax Christi Metro New York
371 Sixth Avenue
New York, NY 10014

or

Pay by Visa, MasterCard, or American Express; contact: 212-420-0250 or www.nypaxchristi@igc.org

Schedule

- 9:30 Registration Check-in
- 10:00 Opening Prayer
- 10:10 PCMNY Welcome
- 10:15 Report from PC International
- 10:45 Report from PCUSA
- 11:15 PCMNY State of the Region & Discussion
- Noon Lunch—included with your registration
- 1:00 Presentation by Fr. Patrick Ryan, SJ, followed by Discussion
- 3:50 Closing Prayer
- 4:00 Adjournment

Location

Immaculate Conception Auditorium
389 E. 150th Street
Bronx, NY

Directions will be sent to you by e-mail or snail-mail upon registration.



*Pax Christi Metro New York
invites you to*

Jihad & Just War



A Fall Assembly
with
Fr. Patrick Ryan, SJ

Saturday, October 3rd, 2015
9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

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About the Day

Most Americans have become familiar with the word *jihad*, and we've come to understand it as "Holy War." Similarly, most Americans, not just Christians, have become accustomed to hearing politicians and the media refer to U.S. military actions as "Just Wars." But how accurately are these terms being bandied about? Is one bad and the other good, as is sometimes implied? Or are *jihad* and war—just or unjust—the same thing?

At this year's Fall Assembly, Fr. Patrick Ryan, S.J., will help us gain far better, more precise answers to these questions. For example, he will challenge the notion that *Jihad*, rendered in English as "holy war," is a Muslim concept. In fact, in the Qur'an and authentic sources of the Islamic tradition *jihad* is more subjective, denoting the effort or struggle one must exert in order to free oneself from oppression by others or by one's own vices.

Similarly, he will provide a historic context for the concept of just war and then examine it more deeply. He will explain that the distinction between just war and unjust war in the Christian

tradition, dating from the time of Saint Augustine, arose in the aftermath of the Christianization of the Roman Empire. The need to qualify wars as just or unjust seldom arose earlier, although notable Christian martyrs rejected participation in Roman imperial wars.

Finally, he will juxtapose Jihad and Just War, so we can see where, if at all, they intersect.

In addition to this stimulating afternoon presentation, we'll have the morning to hear reports from Pax Christi International, Pax Christi USA, and PCMNY. This will enable us to feel a part of the larger Pax Christi Community that spreads across the country and the globe. At each stage of the morning session, there will be opportunities to comment or ask questions. Local group reports will be available for your perusal. We'll pray together, share our stories, and lend each other support. The morning will end with lunch, an extra chance to build community and inspire each other.

This Assembly is the General Membership Meeting for our region. It is invaluable time to inform each other of what our region is doing, what needs we may have, and how we can nurture each other so we can better grow into the future. Be sure to join us on this very special occasion.

About our Presenter

Father Patrick Ryan, S.J., is the McGinley Professor of Religion and Society at Fordham University in New York. In 1964 he began a long career as a teacher and academic administrator in West Africa, where he spent 26 years. After ordination in 1968 he completed a doctorate at Harvard University in the comparative history of religion, specializing in Arabic and Islamic studies. Father Ryan has taught at the University of Ghana, the University of Cape Coast in Ghana, Fordham University, Hekima College in Nairobi, Kenya, and the Gregorian University in Rome.

Additional Information

Light refreshments will be available on arrival at the Assembly. We will also provide lunch for all attendees. In addition, there will be a table with both free and inexpensive materials.

