



Partnership for a World Without Nuclear Weapons Congratulates Nihon Hidankyo for Nobel Peace Prize

Gratitude to the Norwegian Nobel Committee for Recognizing the Cries and Witness of those Who Suffered the Effects of the Atomic Bombings

Nagasaki, Hiroshima, Japan; Santa Fe, NM; Seattle, WA -December 9, 2024 - As founding diocesan bishops of the [Partnership for a World Without Nuclear Weapons](http://www.pwnw.org), we are grateful to The Norwegian Nobel Committee for awarding Nihon Hidankyo this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

For far too long, the cries of all those who have suffered the effects of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have been muted by the false narrative that countries need to build their nuclear weapon capacity to "keep the peace." In fact, nothing could be further from the truth. The Hibakusha of Nihon Hidankyo have been giving witness for decades to the folly of nuclear weapons and to the threat that they pose to human civilization as we know it.

We congratulate the Nihon Hidankyo for earning this year's peace prize. May their call for the elimination of nuclear weapons be heard ever more clearly and change many people's hearts in our war-torn world. May the souls of the victims of the atomic bombings rest in peace and rejoice in our work together for peace.

About the Partnership for a World Without Nuclear Weapons

This voluntary international Catholic partnership is dedicated to encourage information sharing, exchange and cooperation to promote activities that protect all life and the environment from all forms of harm from nuclear development, testing, production, transport, possession, use and threat of use of nuclear weapons. The group began on the 78th Anniversary of the Atomic bombing with a signed agreement between the bishops of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Archdiocese of Seattle, the Diocese of Hiroshima and the Archdiocese of Nagasaki in 2023. To learn more, please visit <https://pwnw.org>.