From Pontiff to Pew (continued):

The Second Vatican Council calls upon all men and women of good will to prepare for a time when it will be possible "to eliminate the danger of war" (GS 82). That said, "governments cannot be denied the right to legitimate defence" (GS 79), but this highlights the need for international bodies capable of intervening effectively to restore justice that has been violated, acting in defence of the oppressed. The Council therefore calls for a willingness to promote institutions dedicated to the service of peace, working together to build a global political and economic order founded on cooperation, dialogue and the sharing of nations' cultural and material resources, at the service of integral human development.

Faced with these tasks, Christians are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Trusting always in the grace of God, we must not be afraid of working on the front line to build peace and defend human dignity, both through constant prayer, and with consistent social and political choices. We are all invited to participate in these processes, with a common voice. The proclamation of the Gospel is achieved through the formation of consciences, the conversion of hearts and the sacramental life, always taking Christ, who is our peace, as our guiding principle.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask God confidently for the strength to enlighten our life and the world with the witness of the Gospel, which is the word of reconciliation and salvation for all peoples. May the Spirit of Christ always inspire experiences of fraternity and peace, nurturing sincere dialogue between individuals and between peoples. Especially in times of suffering, let us never tire of seeking and sharing that true peace, which is at once a gift from God and the fruit of tireless human endeavour.

May the Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, support every effort for good with her powerful intercession, now and always.

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The **2027 Yearly Calendars** of Prizes are now available! The 2027 Yearly Calendars have now arrived and are available for purchase in the main vestibule of the Church. This is potentially our largest fundraiser of the year. Please help us with this project by purchasing a calendar. They make wonderful Christmas gifts. Thank you.

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Save the Dates to Decorate - In the month of December, there are a few dates we would need help with decorating and setting up for Christmas. For **the week of December 13th**, we need some individuals who are able to help set up the large trees in the sanctuary. We realistically only need about 2 - 3 people for this. If there is anyone who would like to help out, we would really appreciate it. Please call the rectory if you are able to assist with this task. The date in which the trees will go up will be determined at a later date. On **Monday, December 21st**, we will be decorating for the Christmas season. We appreciate any and all help we can for getting ready for the Advent and Christmas season.