

## Loretto's Commitment To Work Toward Nuclear Disarmament

In 1978 Loretto began its commitment to work toward ending the production of nuclear arms and nuclear energy by affirming a proposal in the Loretto Assembly to work toward this goal. The following quote is the initial summary motion that was adopted: **“The Loretto Community declares its commitment to an end to the production of nuclear weapons and nuclear energy. We are particularly committed to encouraging and assisting in the urgent work of educating ourselves and others to the perils of the continued proliferation of nuclear arms and power.”**

This action was both bold and courageous. The general national sentiment at the time was that nuclear energy was the wave of the future. Loretto's actions to commit to working to deter the development of both nuclear arms and nuclear power was outside of mainstream thinking at the time.

The following year at the 1979 Loretto Assembly the Community wanted to express its continuing strong affirmation for ending the proliferation of nuclear arms and power. As a result, the Community decided to adopt a consensus process to express their strong affirmation. In this way, after much discussion, a statement of consensus for the affirmation of ending nuclear arms and power was made that expressed the support of the entire Community. In 2015, the Loretto Community, gathered in Assembly, reaffirmed the Community's commitment to work for the unilateral abolishment of nuclear weapons and nuclear energy in the United States.