

Dear Friars,

I hope that this finds you well. On Friday, February 14, 2003 chief UN weapons inspector Hans Blix will make his report to the UN Security Council. In the light of this event we are uncertain, but hopeful, that war might somehow be averted.

As was reported in the HNP Today, on Saturday, February 15, 2003 there will be a large demonstration in New York City in the hope of peace. Holy Name of Jesus parish (207 W. 96th Street; New York, NY) will be hosting a prayer service from 10AM to 11AM. After the prayer service, all those wishing can proceed to the demonstration.

I have also come to learn of a demonstration on Saturday, February 15, 2003 planned in Raleigh, NC. For more information on this please feel free to contact Mr. Paul Amrhein, social concerns minister at St. Francis of Assisi parish in Raleigh, NC. His number is: (919) 847-8205 x234.

If there are other upcoming demonstrations and or prayer services, please let one another know.

Finally, I realize that not everyone feels comfortable with or called to demonstrations as an expression of their way of working for peace. This is certainly fine and understandable. At the same time, many still want to do something. Below are a couple of websites with materials that might be helpful for preaching or adult education resources.

The Diocese of Richmond, Virginia Peace and Justice Office:

<http://www.richmonddiocese.org/pax2003/>

Pax Christi, USA [http://www.paxchristiusa.org/news\\_events\\_more.asp?id=290](http://www.paxchristiusa.org/news_events_more.asp?id=290)

I hope that these might be helpful in your efforts. If I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to give me a call or drop me an e-mail.

In the Hope of Peace,  
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