



Society of the Holy Child Jesus
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The Society of the Holy Child Jesus is deeply saddened by the severity of the court's sentencing for Sister Megan Rice, SHCJ. While the Society respects the judicial process and the court's decision, we had hoped and prayed that Sister Megan's age, health, and decades of service would have been considered. She has dedicated her life to helping others and working toward a more just, compassionate, and harmonious world.

Sister Megan and two others engaged in a peaceful protest, offering prayer for the thousands who have lost their lives as a result of nuclear weapons. Sister Megan was convicted of trespassing and defacing government property and intending to harm national security at a federal enriched uranium facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

As a 167-year-old community of Catholic women, the Society has a history of standing up for those in need. We are committed to helping women, children, and families by providing educational, spiritual, and social programs across four continents.

We will continue to stand by Sister Megan and the Roman Catholic Church's teachings against nuclear proliferation. With the Church, we believe that nuclear weapons are incompatible with the peace so desperately needed throughout the world.

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