

## The Kings Bay Plowshares 7:

### An Introduction



Acting to fulfill the Old Testament prophet Isaiah's vision of a world where "they will beat their swords into plowshares," seven Catholic activists committed to an act of symbolic disarmament entered the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base in St. Mary's, Georgia on April 4th, 2018, the 50th anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who devoted his life to

addressing what he called the "triple evils of militarism, racism and materialism." Theirs was the most recent direct action against the imminent threat of nuclear war, inspired by the first Plowshares in 1980 at a General Electric missile plant in Pennsylvania. International in scope, the movement has led to over one hundred such actions to date.

Kings Bay Naval base opened in 1979 as the Navy's Atlantic Ocean Trident port. It is the largest submarine base in the world, homeport to six nuclear ballistic missile submarines, each of which is armed with 16 Trident II missiles, each carrying at least four bombs that individually have 7 to 25 times the explosive power of the weapon that destroyed the city of Hiroshima in 1945. At least 1000 nuclear warheads are stored at Kings Bay, making the size of its stockpile one of the largest in the world. The scale of these weapons confirm the activists' declaration that "the ultimate logic of Trident is omnicide," the extinction of all human life by a human act. Further, they proclaim that not only the use of such weapons, but their very existence, is both "illegal and immoral."

For exposing these crimes against peace committed by the United States government, Elizabeth McAlister, 79, of Jonah House, Baltimore; Fr. Steve Kelly SJ, 69, of the Bay Area, California; Martha Hennessy, 62, and Carmen Trotta, 56, of the New York Catholic Worker; Clare Grady, 59, of the Ithaca Catholic Worker; Mark Colville, 57, of the Amistad Catholic Worker, New Haven, Connecticut; and Patrick O'Neill, 61, of the Fr. Charlie Mulholland Catholic Worker, Garner, North Carolina, face charges which, if they are convicted, could lead to them serving sentences of up to twenty-five years in federal prison.

## Ways to help continue and expand the witness of the Kings Bay Plowshares 7:



Consider coming to Brunswick, to vigil and witness in court during the trial of the Kings Bay Plowshares 7 when the date is finally set. Keep current with further news about the action, vigils, and trial dates at: [www.kingsbayplowshares7.org](http://www.kingsbayplowshares7.org)



Provide financial support for legal and travel expenses:

<https://www.gofundme.com/xaajdf-kings-bay-plowshares-support-fund>



Invite a defendant or support person to give a talk at your school, church, city council or neighborhood house gathering. Contact information on website

<https://www.kingsbayplowshares7.org/contact/>



Currently three of the defendants are being held in the Glynn County Jail: Mark Colville, Fr Steve Kelly and Elizabeth McAlister. They are only able to receive plain white pre-stamped post cards. For more info on how to write them,

<https://www.kingsbayplowshares7.org/jail-address>



Learn more about the environmental and social justice impact of nuclearism at:

<https://gawand.org/> <http://nonuclearwasteaqui.org/> <http://nukewatchinfo.org/>

<https://nuclearnewmexico.com/> <http://www.dinenonukes.org/radiation-monitoring-project/>



Organize a showing of the film, *The Nuns, the Priests and the Bomb* <https://nunspriestsbombsthefilm.com/>



Promote the Treaty for Nuclear Abolition by ICAN, winners of the Nobel Peace Prize

The **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** opened for signature at United Nations headquarters in New York on 20 September 2017 and will remain open indefinitely. Once 50 nations have ratified or acceded to it, it will enter into force. There are currently **70 signatories** and **22 states parties**. <http://www.icanw.org>



Promote the 'I Stand With The Kings Bay Plowshares' campaign. Make your own sign or print off the one on our website, take a photo of yourself holding the sign, and post it on your social media with the hastags #kingsbayplowshares #swordsintoplowshares

<https://www.kingsbayplowshares7.org/i-stand-w-kings-bay-plowshares>

Our link to the Petition Campaign of the Global Call for Immediate Dismissal of Charges for Kings Bay Plowshares 7, will be officially launched on this website by March 24th.

For more information <https://www.kingsbayplowshares7.org/>