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RE: Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award to Bishop Salim Ghazal of Lebanon

Bishop Martin Amos of the Davenport Diocese and the Quad Cities Pacem in Terris Coalition will present the 2007 Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award to Bishop Salim Ghazal of Lebanon on Nov. 4, 2007.

The ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Christ the King Chapel on the campus of St. Ambrose University in Davenport.

Bishop Ghazal is well known and respected throughout the Middle East and around the world as a man who bridges the deep divisions between faiths in Lebanon.

Through nearly 50 years of service, dialogue and genuine respect for all people in Lebanon, Bishop Ghazal has opened hearts and minds and encouraged all people to live together in one, unified, peaceful Lebanon.

A news conference introducing Bishop Salim Ghazal as the award's 37th recipient will be held in Christ the King Chapel.

The Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award is presented by the Diocese of Davenport in collaboration with other organization to honor persons for their achievements in peace and justice. The award was created in 1964 by the Davenport Catholic Interracial Council and has been presented by the Quad Cities Pacem in Terris Coalition since 1976. It honors Pope John XXIII and commemorates his 1963 encyclical letter, "Pacem in Terris," in which he asked all people of good will to work for peace. "Pacem in Terris" is Latin for "Peace on Earth."

Members of the 2007 Pacem in Terris Coalition are the Catholic Diocese of Davenport, Churches United of the Quad City Area, St. Ambrose University, Augustana College, and Pax Christi Quad Cities.

Previous recipients of the Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award include John F. Kennedy, (1964, posthumously), Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1965), R. Sargent Shriver (1966), Dorothy Day (1972), Dom Helder Camara (1975), Mother Teresa (1976), Bishop Thomas Gumbleton (1979), Cristal Lee Sutton (1980), Helen M. Caldicott (1983), Joseph Cardinal Bernardin (1985), Archbishop Desmond Tutu (1987), Eileen Egan (1989), Mairead Corrigan Maguire (1990), Maria Julia Hernandez (1991), Cesar Chavez (1992), Daniel Berrigan (1993), Jim Wallis (1995), Bishop Samuel Ruiz (1996), Jim & Shelley Douglass (1997), Sr. Helen Prejean (1998), Adolpho Perez Esquivel (1999), Lech Walesa (2001), Gwen & Dorothy Hennessey, OSF (2002), Rev. Arthur Simon (2004), and Don Mosley (2005).

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