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# A Disarming Peace: Religion, Diplomacy, and the Common Good

With Dr. Miguel Diaz

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Online (Zoom), Thursdays @ 7pm, Aug. 27, 2026 to Dec. 3, 2026



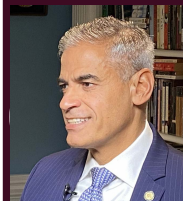
**While to evil we cry out “Enough,” to peace we  
whisper “Forever.” - Pope Leo XIV (Jan. 1, 2026)**

This course examines how religious imagination, diplomatic practice, and nonviolent social change can converge toward what Pope Leo XIV calls an “unarmed and disarming” peace.

- **Religion in society:** how “ultimate loyalties” can become idolatrous, intensify polarization, and sacralize violence; and, alternatively, animate solidarity and moral restraint
- **Diplomacy across sectors** (why and how): peacemaking requires both official diplomacy and civil-society initiatives (including religious actors) capable of sustained relationship-building and public persuasions
- **Nonviolence and the common good:** how communities pursue safety without dehumanization, building habits and strategies that construct peace

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- Have a personal email address by which to receive and send pertinent communications.