



Training in Rome Gospel Nonviolence in Action

(2-11 September 2026)

Ten transformative days (2-11 September) in the heart of Italy exploring the power and practice of courageous active nonviolence based in the Gospel.

This unique training in Rome invites participants into a rich journey of learning, reflection, and community building. Surrounded by the deep spiritual and historical heritage of the Eternal City, you will engage with the principles of active nonviolence as lived and taught in the Gospel tradition, discovering how they apply to today's most urgent social and personal challenges.

You will learn effective tools, strategies, and methods to transform conflict situations nonviolently and to deal with violence through the tools of active nonviolence. You will learn about nonviolent communication, mediation, civil resistance, restorative circles, and trauma healing. You will acquire the skills and the tools to effectively lead the transformation from violence to nonviolence.

This small group of 25 training participants will be prepared to lead programmes and projects on Gospel nonviolence in their communities, parishes, dioceses, schools or organizations following the training. A network of international facilitators, scholars, and practitioners from the Catholic Institute for Nonviolence is ready to accompany you on that journey.

The programme includes seven days of intense training with experienced international facilitators, a two-day international conference featuring leading scholars, practitioners, and thought leaders in the field of nonviolence where you will be able to ask questions, engage, and participate in deep dialogues to build on your own experience and expertise. The experience will conclude with a final day of prayer and reflection in Assisi.

Through experiential workshops, lectures, group dialogue, and moments of spirituality designed to deepen both understanding and practice, participants will gain cutting-edge insights into the theology and ethics of Gospel nonviolence, and real-world applications of nonviolent action across cultures, contexts, and challenges.

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Whether you are a student, activist, faith leader, or seeker, this program nurtures spirit and mind to take effective action.

The journey culminates in a gathering in Assisi at the tomb of St. Francis—a timeless witness to peace, humility, and radical love. There, in a place steeped in silence and sacredness, participants will be invited to reflect, pray, and recommit to a path of nonviolence in their own lives and communities.

This is more than a training—it is an invitation to transformation, a space to connect with others across the world, and a call to embody a nonviolent way of being in a world that deeply needs it.

Place: [Seraphicum](#)

Program schedule:

- The training will start on the 2 September at Seraphicum with a welcome session starting at 9 a.m.
- Each day the training sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided.
- On 11 September, we will travel together from the Seraphicum to Assisi for our final session and return at the end of the day. For those of you staying at Seraphicum, the check-out will be on 12 September.

Participants:

This training is open to anyone, regardless of religious background. It is specifically designed for individuals, communities, organizations, and movements who, following the training, will lead a program or project on active nonviolence in their own communities. For this reason, we recommend, if possible, attending with another member of your organization, community, or movement, so that you can share what you have learned together after the training.

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There will be no translation during the training, as the level of interaction required is intended to allow participants to engage with one another in various activities and role-plays that necessitate a fluid exchange. Therefore, depending on the responses from those interested, we will ultimately inform participants whether the course will be conducted exclusively in English or in Spanish.

Registration Fee:

600 euros (690 US dollars) to cover some of the associated program costs.

The fee includes the training, costs for the two day international conference, and the trip to Assisi. The fee also includes daily lunch and coffee breaks. Participants are responsible for covering their accommodations, other meals, travel expenses, and/or visas. We will be happy to provide letters of invitation for visa requirements, if needed.

For those outside Italy, we recommend accommodations at [Seraphicum](#) where the training will take place. The cost is 50 euros per night, including breakfast. Please let us know in your registration form if you want us to book this for you.

Registration:

Please register here: Since space is limited to 25 participants, please wait to pay the registration fee until your participation is confirmed.

[Registration form on line.](#)

Payment:

The payment of the training can be made by PayPal, credit card, or bank transfer. Once you are registered and accepted, we will send you payment details.

Certificate:

All participants who successfully complete the training will receive a diploma from Pax Christi International's Catholic Institute for Nonviolence