SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020 | AVILA UNIVERSITY - WHITFIELD CENTER (BLDG 3)

## REV. JOHN DEAR

## A daylong workshop on exploring nonviolence

Longtime activist and Nobel Peace Prize nominee Rev. John Dear will lead us through three sessions in a daylong workshop on active nonviolence based on his recent best-selling book, *The Nonviolent Life.* He proposes that the best way forward and the hope for us all—personally, spiritually, nationally and globally—is through active nonviolence in the tradition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Gandhi.

## WHAT TOPICS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS WORKSHOP?

To explore traditions of nonviolence and examine their application today, John will hold three sessions— each beginning with his input, then small group discussion, and finally, large group discussion on the following topics:



Practicing nonviolence toward ourselves



Nonviolence toward all others, all creatures, and Mother Earth



Nonviolence as a global grassroots movement

Rev. John Dear is an internationally recognized voice and leader for peace and nonviolence. A priest, activist and author, he served for years as the director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the largest interfaith peace organization in the U.S. After September 11, 2001, he was a Red Cross coordinator of chaplains at the Family Assistance Center in New York, and counseled thousands of relatives and rescue workers. John has traveled the war zones of the world, been arrested more than 80 times for peace, led Nobel Peace prize winners to Iraq, given thousands of lectures on peace across the U.S., and served as a pastor of several churches in New Mexico. He arranged on many occasions for Mother Teresa to speak to various governors to stop an impending execution, and recently helped draft Pope Francis' Jan. 1, 2017 World Day of Peace message on nonviolence. He is a co-founder of Campaign Nonviolence and the Nonviolent Cities Project and is on the staff of www.paceebene.org.

His 35 books include: The Beatitudes of Peace; They Will Inherit the Earth; The Nonviolent Life; Radical Prayers; Walking the Way; Thomas Merton Peacemaker; A Persistent Peace; Transfiguration; You Will Be My Witnesses; Living Peace; The Questions of Jesus; The God of Peace; Jesus the Rebel; Peace Behind Bars; Lazarus Come Forth! and Disarming the Heart.

He has been nominated many times for the Nobel Peace Prize, including by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Sen. Barbara Mikulski. A former Jesuit, he is now a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Monterey, Cal. He lives in Big Sur, California.

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