

## Sustainable peace, or a militarised Asia-Pacific? Australia's choice.

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The Pax Christi Non-violence Initiative

Caesar D'Mello Pax Christi Victoria Scrutinishing the QUAD Quadrilateral Security Dialogue between Australia, India, Japan, and USA.

The Forum will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of Pax Christi Victoria.

It is open to whoever wishes to attend.

Announcing increased military funding earlier this year, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison warned of "a poorer, more dangerous and disorderly" future. Is more militarising in the Asia-Pacific the way to secure a less "dangerous future"?

In Pope Francis's words, "military responses to conflict only breed violence". Pax Christi's Non-violence Initiative charts pathways for resolving conflict without violence. Serious efforts are needed, however, to nurture mutual trust and positive relations, not suspicion and hostility.