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' FOLLOWING JESUS IN A PRO RICH, PRO WAR, PRO US EMPIRE '

Frank Cordaro



A.P. photo. Frank Cordaro spilling ashes in front of Pres. Carter at a Salt II briefing in the East Room of the White House. Nov. 29, 1979

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'FRANK CORDARO' IS A FORMER CATHOLIC PRIEST AND THE CO-FOUNDER OF THE '*DES MOINES CATHOLIC WORKER COMMUNITY*' IN 1976. THE DMCW IS AN ECUMENICAL, INTERFAITH, NONVIOLENT, ANARCHIST *CATHOLIC WORKER COMMUNITY* LIVING IN VOLUNTARY POVERTY, INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY, SERVING THE 'POOR AND NEEDY.' CORDARO HAS SERVED SIX YEARS OF 'PRISON TIME' FOR NONVIOLENT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE OVER THE YEARS, WHICH INCLUDES EIGHT SEPARATE SIX-MONTH SENTENCES FOR 'CROSSING THE LINE' AT 'OFFUTT AIR FORCE' BASE OVER A 30-YEAR SPAN. CORDARO PARTICIPATED IN THE MAY 1998 GODS OF METAL PLOWSHARE WITNESS WHERE HE AND FOUR OTHERS HAMMERED ON A B52 BOMBER AT 'ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE.' CORDARO BELIEVES ANY FAIR READING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT WOULD SEE JESUS AND HIS FOLLOWERS WERE NOT PRO RICH, PRO WAR, OR PRO ROMAN EMPIRE; THAT LOVING YOUR ENEMY MEANS YOU CANNOT KILL THEM AND THAT DOING THE WORKS OF MERCY; 'FEEDING THE HUNGRY, CLOTHING THE NAKED, HOUSING THE HOMELESS' IS WHAT FOLLOWING JESUS IS ABOUT.