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The Association of United States Catholic Priests (AUSCP), inspired by Pope Francis, will have a Prayer Vigil for Peace and Peacemakers, at Ben Salmon's grave in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Hillside, June 20, 2017, 9 am to 6 pm.

On this Tuesday, Pope Francis will visit "in a private and non-official capacity" the graves of two Italian priests, Fr. Primo Mazzolari and Fr. Lorenzo Milani. The National Catholic Reporter states: *Pope Francis will be making an unusually brief visit to two Italian cities in June in order to pray at the tombs of a pair of 20th century priests who were ostracized by church leaders partly due to their support for pacifism and conscientious objection.*

For more on the pope's visit, go to:

www.ncronline.org/blogs/ncr-today/francis-rewriting-italian-church-history-visit-priests-tombs-june

The AUSCP suggests that Catholic leaders draw attention **to the noble resistance of Ben Salmon, a Denver Catholic who refused to participate in World War I and accepted years of imprisonment, solitary Confinement and the possibility of the death penalty.**

Members of the ACP have endorsed this prayer vigil. Visit the grave of Ben Salmon this Tuesday and make your prayer for peace in the world and make your commit to be an instrument of Peace in a world torn apart by division and violence and war. The way of Christ is the Way of Peace. *Lord, make us an instrument of your Peace.*

For the Ben Salmon website, visit: www.bensalmon.org

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