



Dominican Sisters
Grand Rapids, Michigan

The Dominican Sisters ~ Grand Rapids (MI)
Corporate Stance: **Against War in Iraq**
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WHEREAS: A war waged upon Iraq is without substance or need at this time and therefore would be immoral, and

WHEREAS: The United States, acting unilaterally, would be acting in violation of international law and its own integrity as a signatory to the United Nations Charter, and

WHEREAS: The people of Iraq have suffered great deprivations and have witnessed the death of thousands of their children because of the sanctions, and

WHEREAS: War in Iraq would further destabilize the Middle East and cause more deaths by violence and hunger, and

WHEREAS: The lives of American military would be lost by death and the trauma of war, and

WHEREAS: The cost of war would be paid by persons in our own country in need of services as military budgets would increase and human services decrease, and

WHEREAS: As responsible citizens we have a moral obligation to speak to the injustices particularly those done in our name

THEREFORE,

The Grand Rapids Dominican Sisters declare ourselves to be opposed to our country making a preemptive strike against Iraq, taking us into an immoral and unjustified war. We further oppose the continuation of sanctions against Iraq that continue to impose genocidal suffering against helpless people.