

Dear Representatives,

I am Mary Pendergast from the Sisters of Mercy. I live in Pawtucket and come once again to support changing the name of Victory Day to Peace and Remembrance Day. The only opposition I have heard to this name change is that it somehow is disrespectful to the many Americans who gave their lives in order to bring World War II to an end.

On the contrary, this name change reminds us all that we live in peace because of the ultimate sacrifice of so many.

I propose that to pause and remember the cost of peace will help us not to glorify war, but to do all in our power to work for peace. We know full well that World War III is not survivable. The current "excursion" is a danger to the whole world.

I invite our entire Legislature to Come join Rhode Island's diverse leaders of faith in the RI State Council of Churches as we pray, sing, reflect, and commit ourselves to peace and to one another at a vigil for peace at the Cathedral of St Peter and Paul in Providence at 7:00pm on Tuesday March 26.

Sincerely,

Mary Pendergast, RSM