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Anti-Pilgrim Nuclear Activists Head To Court in Attempt To Invoke The Necessity Defense To Justify Pilgrim's Threat To Public Health And Safety

PLYMOUTH, MA - On May 11, 2014 several anti-pilgrim nuclear activists peacefully marched to the main gate of Entergy Corporation's Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (PNPS). It was Mother's day, a special day that celebrates a mother's love for her children, to nurture them and protect them from harm. At the main entrance of Pilgrim, flowers were placed by tiny make shift coffins, symbolizing Pilgrim's threat to the health and welfare of children.

Four of the participants, all grandmothers were immediately arrested as they walked on to Entergy property. Sarah Thacher of East Dennis, Diane Turco of Harwich, Susan Carpenter of South Dennis and Mary Conathan of Chatham will be heading to trial on October 17th to defend their action as a mother's responsibility to protect her children from the danger posed by Pilgrim. Sarah Thacher stated " the real criminal is Entergy and the crime is allowing this Corporation to operate when the devastating effects of a mishap will cause harm to children and their environment for a very long time". Attorneys Bruce Taub and Benjamin Hiller will be providing counsel for the defendants as they rely on the "necessity defense" and that their breach of the trespass law was intended to abate a greater harm and as such should be forgiven.

Dr. Joseph Gerson, a political scientist and author will offer testimony regarding the cumulative effect of acts of civil resistance. Dr. Gerson's accomplishments include the 2010 recipient of Salem State University " Champion of the Peace Award " and author of numerous books and

Dr Helen Caldicott, co- founder of Physicians for Social Responsibility and who described by the Smithsonian Institute "as one the most influential women of the 20th century" will also provide expert testimony. A notable pediatrician, author and scholar, Dr. Caldicott has made it her life work to educate the public about the medical and environmental hazards of the nuclear age. Later that evening, Dr. Caldicott will be speaking at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Plymouth. She will be discussing the medical consequences of living near a nuclear power plant and why children are 10 to 20 more times vulnerable to the carcinogenic effects of radiation. It will take place at 7:30 PM at the First Parish Plymouth, located at 19 Town Square, Plymouth. Admission is free.

The trial will take place at 9:00 am on Friday, October 17th at Plymouth District Court,
52 Obery Road, Plymouth.



The Grandmothers (clockwise from upper left)

Diane Turco 60, Harwich -2 children, 1 grandchild

Mary Conathan 71, Chatham - 2 children, 3 grandchildren

Sarah Thacher 80, E. Dennis - 9 children, 14 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren

Susan Carpenter 71, S.Dennis - 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren

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