

Nonviolence guidelines all must embrace before participating in the April 27th witness at the N IL Blackwater site.

These guidelines are borrowed from the Voices for Creative Nonviolence at:

<http://vcnv.org/statement-of-nonviolence-for-the-occupation-project>

The Catholic Workers and the Clearwater folks are committed to nonviolence and nonviolent action. All participants are expected to share the commitment to nonviolence and nonviolent action. While nonviolence is defined in different ways by different people in different contexts, and while there exists the need to continue discussion and debate on how nonviolence and nonviolent action is conceived, the Midwest CWers and Clearwater are adopting the following principles for our witness and demonstration at the N IL Blackwater site on Monday April 27, 2009.

- We will act with love, openness, compassion, and respect toward all who we encounter and their surroundings. We will not be violent in our actions, words, or otherwise –toward any person or property.
- We will act fairly and honestly with people regardless of the situation or the role they play.
- We will remain calm and aware at all times.
- We will prepare ourselves emotionally, mentally and spiritually before we act, and will recognize our opposition is to a system of violence and militarism, not to individual members of the system.
- We will keep a clear state of mind, refraining from the use of drugs or alcohol, other than for medical purposes.
- We will carry no weapons.
- We will seek dialogue with those who may disagree with us and maintain a spirit of openness, friendliness and respect towards all with whom we engage.
- We will gather and act in a manner that reflects the world we choose to create.