

# Hiroshima to Hope Memorial 2019

74 years after the bombing  
of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

August 6, 1945  
Hiroshima, Japan

August 9, 1945  
Nagasaki, Japan



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Wendy photographed Cathy and  
Lorraine with peace lanterns







People float lanterns made to honor victims of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

# Lanterns floating on Green Lake 74 years after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

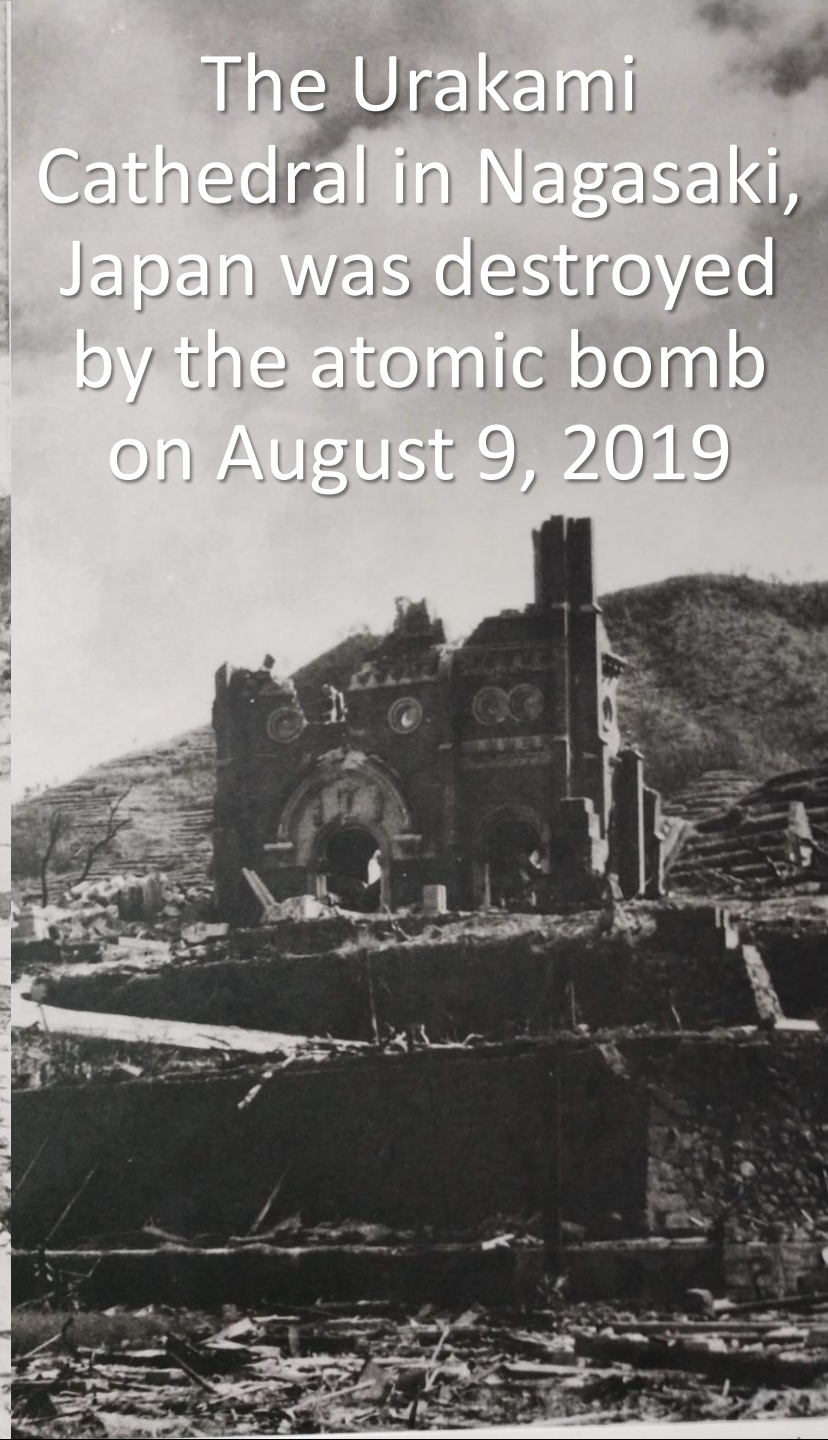


Displays depicted the devastation of the atomic bombs dropped in Japan and killing over 200,000 innocent victims. With time and space, it is easy to forget the past.

We must not forget, lest we resort to such drastic measures at some point in the future. It is troubling to note that on August 2, 2019, the US withdrew from a key nuclear treaty with Russia, raising fears of a new arms race. We remember Jesus' words to love our enemies and pray for them. We are called to consider what love can do in all situations.



The Urakami  
Cathedral in Nagasaki,  
Japan was destroyed  
by the atomic bomb  
on August 9, 2019





A cross lies in the ruins  
of the Urakami  
Cathedral after the  
bombing of Nagasaki







Walter Hooke was a U.S. Marine when he arrived in Nagasaki in October 1945, about two months after the city's atomic bombing. During his stay, the devout Catholic was befriended by the bishop of Nagasaki, who gave him the cross.





Walter Hooke felt deep anguish at having this religious symbol in his possession and having survived a conflict that left so many people dead. He became publicly critical of the atomic bomb's use on civilian populations in Japan and was active in the anti-nuclear weapons movement.



Wilmington  
College  
Peace Resource  
Center



After meeting the director at an event protesting nuclear weapons, Walter Hooke gave the cross to the Wilmington College Peace Resource Center in 1982 where it has remained on display until recently.



This spring, the Peace Resource Center made arrangements to return the cross to Nagasaki, Japan





# 「被爆十字架」返



Cross is returned to Urakami Cathedral, Nagasaki, Japan







Commemoration Mass at the Urakami Cathedral





Nancy McCormick with 108 Friendship Dolls





Friendship dolls were  
given to children in  
Japan









Rumi a survivor of  
the A Bomb received  
a doll of Hope



*Blessed are the peacemakers  
for they will be called  
children of God.*

