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(ANSA) – PERUGIA, MARCH 25 – “A permanent commission with Russian and American experts, which can work in collaboration with Catholic and other religious leaders, to seek solutions useful to governments that possess nuclear weapons to encourage ways and means to reduce arsenals and nuclear dangers”: this is the solicitation expressed in one of the passages of the final document of the “Peace Conference for a table of dialogue on nuclear disarmament” held today in the Shrine of Spogliazione in Assisi and organized by the Civilization of Love Committee, by the diocese of Assisi-Nocera-Gualdo and the city of Assisi.

During the initiative, which was attended by the president of the Committee Giuseppe Rotunno, the diocesan bishop Monsignor Domenico Sorrentino and the mayor Stefania Proietti, “the need for constant dialogue, especially at this moment, between Russian and American experts was reaffirmed , to reduce the risk of the use of nuclear weapons with catastrophic consequences”.

“The United States and Russia – it was underlined – hold the vast majority of the world’s nuclear arsenal and have a special responsibility to work together on practical measures that reduce the threat of nuclear war”.

“From the homeland of St. Francis, the saint of peace and love for the poor – reads the statement – there is hope to use the funds currently spent on nuclear weapons for better humanitarian purposes”.

Speakers in the panel in English, moderated by Cardinal Silvano Tomasi, were, among others, Sergey Rogov of the Russian think tank Institute for Us and Canadian Studies, Archimandrite Philip (Riabykh), representative of the Moscow Patriarchate at the Council of Europe, Lucas Koach, director of the Office of International Justice Peace, the writer and activist Arnold Kohen.

The following round table in Italian, moderated by Guglielmo Gallone di Limes, was attended by the MEP Francesca Donato, Mary T. Stronach, deputy general minister of the secular Franciscan Order, the ambassador Carlo Trezza, the president of Ansaldo Nucleare Roberto Adinolfi and Barbara Gallo of the Italian Peace and Disarmament Network. (HANDLE).