*Catholic Education:*

# BECOMING ARTISANS *of* PEACE

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
(Matthew 5:9)

# Prayer and Activity

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God loves us, gives us peace, and is always with us.

We can turn to Him when we feel worried, upset, lonely or afraid.

# Prayer – Peace from God

Loving God,
Thank You for loving us and being with us every day.

Sometimes we feel happy and calm. Sometimes we feel worried, angry, or afraid. Thank you for always being near us, even when things are difficult.

Help us be still for a moment and remember that you love us. Fill our hearts with Your peace. Help us use kind words, gentle hands, and loving actions so that others can feel Your peace.

Jesus, help us become little artisans of peace, making our homes, classrooms and playgrounds more loving places.
We ask this in Your name.  Amen.

# Activity – Peace Hands

- Trace the student's hand on a piece of paper or hand out a blank handprint
- Ask the students to write or draw one or two things that helps them remember God's love. (some ideas: family, friends, church, caring teacher)
- Ask the students to then draw or write one way they can be a peacemaker and share God's love (some ideas: share toys, use kind words, help a friend, include others)