Catholic Education:

BECOMING ARTISANS *of* PEACE

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(Matthew 5:9)

Prayer and Activity

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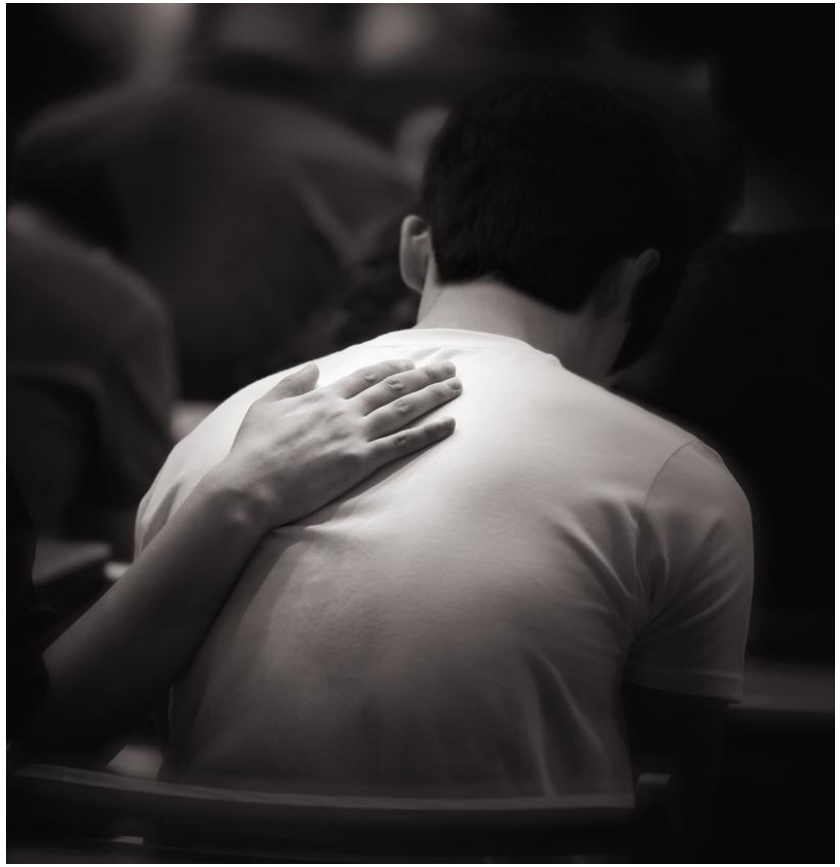
Loving and Merciful God,

You call us to live in peace with one another and to treat each person with dignity and respect. Help us to be patient when we are frustrated, understanding when we disagree, and kind in the words we speak.

Teach us to listen with open hearts, to forgive when we have been hurt, and to seek reconciliation when conflicts arise. Give us the courage to stand up for what is right, to include those who feel left out, and to be a source of encouragement and hope to others.

May your peace fill our hearts, guide our actions, and strengthen our friendships. Help us to be true peacemakers in our homes, our schools, and our communities, reflecting the love of Jesus in all that we do.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen



Activity – Peace with Others

Invite students to stand or sit in a circle.

- Place a cross or candle in the center as a reminder of Christ's presence and peace.
- Begin with the Scripture verse: *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."* (Matthew 5:9)
- Pass a symbol of peace around the circle. When students receive it, they complete one of these sentence starters:
    - "Peace looks like…"
    - "I can be a peacemaker by…"
    - "Someone showed me peace when…"
    - "This week, I will bring peace by…"

After everyone has shared, invite students to quietly reflect on one action they will take to promote peace during the week.