Catholic Education:

BECOMING ARTISANS *of* PEACE

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

Prayer and Activity

Peace in the world

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For the kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. (Romans 14:17)

Loving God,

You created our beautiful world and call us to live in peace, love, and kindness.

We pray for all people who are experiencing war, fear, and suffering. Bring comfort to those who are hurting and guide all people to work together for peace.

Teach us to be Artisans of Peace by using kind words, listening to others, including everyone, and standing up for what is right.

Help us build bridges when people disagree, to forgive when others hurt us, and bring hope to those who need it.

Guide us, Holy Spirit, to make a difference through the small things we do each day. May we follow Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and help build a world where everyone is welcomed, respected, and loved.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Reflection

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To be an artisan of peace is to believe that every interaction matters, that every person carries dignity, and that, with God's grace, our work can shape a more compassionate and just world.

To be an artisan of peace means that peace is something we actively build, day by day, moment by moment in small, daily choices:

A word of encouragement
A listening ear
A moment of patience
A commitment to fairness

- Who in our world needs peace today?
- What can I do when I see someone being treated unfairly?
- How can I bring peace to someone who feels lonely, afraid, or excluded?
- What does being an Artisan of Peace mean to me as a follower of Jesus?

Activity – The Peace Chain Challenge

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Students write one action that helps create peace on a paper strip: listening, including others, forgiving, sharing, helping someone in need, or resolving disagreements peacefully.
Link the strips together to form a chain that stretches around the classroom or school.
Reflection: How can our individual choices connect us and make our world stronger?

Conclude by praying together: ***“Lord, make us instruments of your peace.”***