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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Loving God,

Thank you for creating our beautiful world and for teaching us to love one another.

We pray for all people who are hurting, afraid, or living in places where there is war. Please bring them comfort, safety, and hope. Help everyone work together to make peace.

Teach us to be Artisans of Peace by using kind words, listening to others, sharing, and including everyone.

Help us be friends when others feel lonely, forgive when someone hurts us, and stand up for what is right.

Holy Spirit, guide us each day to make a difference through the little things we do. Help us follow Jesus, our Prince of Peace, so that everyone feels welcomed, respected, and loved.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Reflection

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What Does It Mean to Be an Artisan of Peace?

Being an Artisan of Peace means helping to make the world a kinder, fairer, and more loving place.

God made every person special and important. With God's help, we can show love and care to others through the little things we do every day.

We can be Artisans of Peace when we:

- Use kind words to make someone feel happy.
- Listen carefully when someone is talking.
- Be patient and give others time.
- Be fair and take turns.
- Include everyone and invite others to play.
- Help others when they are sad, lonely, or afraid.

We do not have to do big things to make peace. Small acts of kindness can make a big difference!

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Let's Wonder Together!

- Who in our world needs peace today?
- What can I do if I see someone being treated unfairly?
- How can I help someone who feels lonely, scared, or left out?
- How can I follow Jesus by being an Artisan of Peace?

Remember: With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can share Jesus' love and help make our world a more peaceful place, one kind act at a time!

Activity – A world filled with Peace

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- Students create a large collaborative picture of Earth,
- Each student decorates a paper dove, heart, or handprint and completes the sentence:
- ***"I can help bring peace to our world by…"***
- Display the contributions around the globe to create a school peace mural.

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