

Monthly Bulletin Growing a Culture of Peace

In the face of growing violence in our world, Christians are called to be peacemakers. “If you want to cultivate peace, protect Creation,” wrote Pope Benedict XVI in his 2010 New Year message for the World Day of Peace. Peace also involves being actively engaged in bringing about a just community. When people make the connections between peace, ecology and justice and live accordingly, a culture of peace can grow.

This monthly bulletin is for parish and school newsletters. It focuses on topics connected with peace, ecology and justice, and includes a brief *Reflection* related to the scripture of the first Sunday of each month, a *Fact File*, an *Action*, and a *Link* to more information.

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1. Be a Peacemaker

Reflection: “*Put out into the deep water ... Don’t be afraid*”. Luke 5: 4a, 10.

The deep water Christ calls us to get into today is to be peacemakers in the face of the culture present in our world. Violence comes in many forms: verbal abuse, bullying, poverty, environmental destruction, corporate greed, war, denial of human rights, human trafficking, racism.....

Fact File: Though it’s an underlying problem in schools, students in Catholic schools are 1.7 times less likely to report experiences of racism.

Action: Share a meal and stories with those of other cultures, other religions.

Learn More: Read “The Impact of Racism on Young Australians”

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