



Making Connections

A theme for each month...

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Something new is being offered as we begin this year in the Notre Dame Virtual School. A specific theme will be highlighted each month in this newsletter. An adaptable prayer service on the theme will accompany the newsletter. We begin with the theme of PEACE for September 21st: the International Day of Prayer for Peace. Themes for the coming months include: global warming, hunger, and immigration.



Activities for September 21st

Looking for ways to help your students realize their responsibility to make our world a more peaceful place?

- ✓ Share ideas on how to be peacemakers with other ND students at the <http://notreblog.edublogs.org>.
- ✓ Visit NotreDameOnline's **Peace One Day** page where you'll find dozens of suggestions including PowerPoints, videos, and directions for creating a photo gallery. It's at: <http://communitcy.wikispaces.com/Peace>.
- ✓ Visit www.internationaldayofpeace.org/nog.htm where you'll find information, music, and suggestions for making posters that illustrate the need for peace in our world.
- ✓ Check out the **Peace Music Initiative & Cyber Art Project**—including a first Youth for Peace comic strip submitted from Kenya: <http://worldpeace.org/youth/>.
- ✓ Introduce your 5-15 year olds to **Peace Pals** and help them develop an ongoing commitment to "making peace prevail on earth". <http://worldpeace.org/peacepals.html> is the link.

Did you know?

- ✓ Sr. Margaret Mulholland, SND is beginning her ministry as Education Liaison for the Sisters of Notre Dame.
- ✓ Hot off the press! A new children's book about Sr. Dorothy Stang is now available. It's item #15 on the updated order form posted at the Dorothy Stang page: www.NotreDameOnline.org.
- ✓ Contact Sr. Kristin regarding any questions related to NDVS online resources at Kristin.Hokanson@NDVS.org.

Sharing Possibilities and Resources



A word from St. Julie:

"The peace of the Lord in your soul is always of greater value than all the desires for good that you might have. Do reasonably all you can, with great peace."

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- ✓ We're asked to take a moment of silence on September 21st in observance of the International Day of Prayer for Peace. The suggestions for prayer accompanying this communication can be adapted and used with your students to facilitate the observance.
- ✓ Send pictures of how you observe September 21st and we'll create a slideshow you can share with your students. Pictures can be sent to: NDVSOoffice@NDVS.org A link to the slideshow will be published next month.
- ✓ Over 30 Sisters of Notre Dame from around the world collaborated to develop educational materials on the UN's Millennium Development Goals. The materials can be accessed this address: <http://notredameonlinenews.wikispaces.com/UNMDG>.
- ✓ NDVS will focus on **Going Green** throughout the year. A special newsletter edition will be sent to the schools with websites, activities, and research questions for classroom use.