

September 12, 2011

Dear Friends,

We would like to invite you as our Precious Blood members and friends to join us in prayer and/or activities for the cause of peace and non-violence.

In 1982, the UN established an International Day of Peace as a global observance. Nations were invited to stop and be attentive to the violence in our world and the causes of these hostilities. It was to be a day of global ceasefire and non-violence. All were invited to devote time and thought to ideals of peace within and among all nations and peoples.

Since its inception, 29 years ago, there has been marked personal and planetary progress toward peace. It has grown to include millions of people worldwide and many events are organized each year to continue to build peace communities and curtail violence in our cities and world.

Here at Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation in Chicago, in the “Back of the Yards” community, we see and hear violence daily. I know this is true in some of the areas where you live and/or minister. Therefore, we invite you to join us in this 100-day vigil (September 15 – December 24) for the purpose of building more peace-filled neighborhoods, churches, schools, colleges and communities.

Enclosed you will find a brochure with more information. The motto for this 2011 International Day of Peace is: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

How can we as Precious Blood members and friends, make our voices heard for the cause of peace and for the end to violence?

Let us be united by praying the prayer on the flyer. If you plan activities, please let us know and we can share them with others on our website.

For the September 15 kick off here in Chicago, we are gathering at one of the four peace mural sites in our community to pray and share our concerns for the violence in our neighborhood. We will make plans as to how we can “Make our Voices Heard” and create more peaceful neighborhoods.

We thank you very much for joining with the world and with us in making your voice heard  
NO MORE VIOLENCE—PEACE!

Let there peace on Earth. . .

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