

International Lasallian Days for Peace *Activity Suggestions*

This is an initiative of the International Council of Young Lasallians (ICYL) designed to promote ideas of peace in our communities and in our world through prayer, discussion, activity, service and communication.

As a Regional, District or local representative of Young Lasallians, you should make a concerted effort to utilize the resources provided to accomplish the following tasks:

- Distribute this toolkit, which includes ideas for projects and activities, along with a prayer, to all Young Lasallian contacts.
- Create 2-3 events to promote ILDP; ideas included in toolkit.
- Display posters and ensure promotion of the theme in your community.
- Incorporate the theme of peace into ongoing activities at your institution.
- Share information about and pictures of events with the larger Lasallian community.
- Connect on Facebook @young.lasallians or Twitter @younglasallians
 - “Like,” repost and share any interesting or relevant events to your local and ministry pages.

Suggestions range from the very simple to more elaborate. We have provided a few examples to help you in this process.

- **Identify** and **discuss** key words and phrases that reflect your thoughts and ideas about peace, working in small groups or as a class. You may want to use and add to the following list:
 - Peace, human rights, relationships, fairness and/or justice, opportunity, equality
- In class: **Debate** this statement: Peace begins with me.
- In class: **Discuss** strategies for creating more peace in our daily lives. What would more peace look like? Feel like? Is this important?
- **Discuss** the possibilities of teaching peace and nonviolence to students as a faculty/staff. For a discussion starter, see this article describing a school which is rolling out a campus-wide initiative: <http://web.uri.edu/nonviolence/nonviolence-education-at-broad-rock-middle-school-rhode-island/>
- Hold a minute of **silence** for the school community to pray/meditate/reflect for peace.
- Ask a student or faculty member to offer a short **reflection** on peace at a year-level or all-school assembly that is already taking place during or shortly after ILDP 2018 (Sept. 21 – Oct. 21).
- **Brainstorm** as a school community to imagine what peace would look like on campus: post blank paper around the yard during recess/lunch and/or start a hashtag for a digital conversation. Use what is shared to spark a discussion at the start of the new school year.



- **Create** a “Peace Wall” as a school community – either a temporary one, made of images students bring from home which illustrate their ideas about peace, or a permanent one, in the form of a mural painted together. Take a group photo in front of your creation!
- Offer an opportunity for the community to take part in an **action** based on this year’s ILDP theme: “Peace Without Limits.” Here are two starter ideas:
 - Record a video of messages for peace and sharing it with the local community, parents, on your ministry’s website, etc. (Be sure to send it to [Keane Palatino](#), the International Coordinator for Young Lasallians!)
 - Write letters to local, regional or national elected officials on the importance of peace and/or on a specific current event related to peace.
- A **sign** of peace: Encourage students and teachers to come up with a sign of peace. This can move beyond the simple shaking of hands. They can record a “peace handshake.”
 - The sign of peace can be incorporated into their prayers.
 - They could also create their own symbol/ image of peace. For example, the dove.
- Have students **create** their own collage of what they think Peace means.
- **Discuss** some of the images in the collage and what makes them promote peace.
 - Here is one example:

