THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Brazil’s Foreign Minister, Dr. Celso Amorim, has called the International Day of Peace “the Holy Grail of the United Nations.”

As we mark the 10th anniversary of the September 11 attacks, let us pray for the strength to trust that our God will ensure that justice is done, and realize that “wrath and anger are hateful things” and will only cause us further hurt.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 11

Today’s Scriptures, especially the Gospel, speak about forgiveness. As we also mark the 10th anniversary of the September 11 attacks, let us pray for the strength to trust that our God will ensure that justice is done, and realize that “wrath and anger are hateful things” and will only cause us further hurt.

“The International Day of Peace (‘Peace Day’) provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. It was established by a United Nations resolution in 1981 to coincide with the opening of the General Assembly. The first Peace Day was celebrated in September 1982. Since its inception, Peace Day has marked our personal and planetary progress toward peace. It has grown to include millions of people in all parts of the world, and each year events are organized to commemorate and celebrate this day. Events range in scale from private gatherings to public concerts and forums where hundreds of thousands of people participate.

Anyone, anywhere can celebrate Peace Day. It can be as simple as lighting a candle at noon, or just sitting in silent meditation. Or it can involve getting your co-workers, organization, community or government engaged in a large event. The impact if millions of people in all parts of the world, coming together for one day of peace, is immense.

International Day of Peace is also a Day of Ceasefire – personal or political. Take this opportunity to make peace in your own relationships as well as impact the larger conflicts of our time. Imagine what a whole Day of Ceasefire would mean to humankind."

Please join Spiritan Campus Ministry and other on-campus partners observing the International Day of Peace as a part of the 11 Days of Peace. See list of events on the inside of the bulletin.

For more information on the International Day of Peace visit http://internationaldayofpeace.org.

SPIRITAN CAMPUS MINISTRY EVENTS: Weeks of September 11 – September 24, 2011

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11
9/11 10th Anniversary Commemorative Masses
University Chapel 11 a.m. and 9 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 12
Emmanus
Spiritan Campus Ministry Center 5 p.m.

Faith Alive
Spiritan Campus Ministry Center 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13
R.C.I.A Introductory Session
Spiritan Campus Ministry Center 4:30-5:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14
Staff Scripture Sharing
Laval House 12 noon-1 p.m.

Chapel Choir
Chapel 4:30 p.m.

R.C.I.A Introductory Session
Spiritan Campus Ministry Center 4:30-5:45 p.m.

Fair Trade 101 Event
Spiritan Campus Ministry Center 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15
Bible Study
Spiritan Campus Ministry Center 9 p.m.

Faith Alive
Spiritan Campus Ministry Center 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20
Libermann Luncheon
Africa Room 12 noon

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21
Staff Scripture Sharing
Laval House 12 noon-1 p.m.

Chapel Choir
Chapel 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22
Off the Beaten Path
Off Ramp 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study
Spiritan Campus Ministry Center 7 p.m.

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MARGINALIZED PEOPLE

The Word of the Readings today is a perfect fit for our celebration of Peace Day. The first reading speaks of the love of God for the marginalized, and the Gospel speaks of forgiveness.

• Isaiah 55:6-9 • Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Youth Ministry: Peace Day Challenge
Peace Day is a Day of Peace, a Day of Ceasefire, a Day of Global Solidarity, a Day of Conflict Transformation, a Day of Reconciliation, a Day of Education for Peace, and a Day of Solidarity with the Poor. Peace is the opposite of war, and we are called to bring the Good News of peace to others.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

• Pray the Rosary, Reconciliation or Mass if possible.

• Light a candle at noon.

• Send a peace card to a friend, family member, or co-worker.

• Engage in a large event. The impact if millions of people in all parts of the world, coming together for one day of peace, is immense. International Day of Peace is also a Day of Ceasefire – personal or political. Take this opportunity to make peace in your own relationships as well as impact the larger conflicts of our time. Imagine what a whole Day of Ceasefire would mean to humankind."

“Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.” – Micah 6:8

Spiritan Campus Ministry Center Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. to Midnight • Saturday-Sunday: Noon to Midnight
EMMAUS

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For more information, please contact Kate Lecci at leccik@duq.edu or X5093.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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WEDDING IN THE CHAPEL

SATURDAY SEPT. 17
Patrick Kern and Sonya Hardisky
Jennifer Prentice and Steven Derr

SATURDAY SEPT. 24
Dana Trumbetta and Keith Pavlekovsky
Sarah Carlins and Richard Kwiatkowski

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Want to know more about SCM?  Visit Us Online http://www.duq.edu/campus-ministry/

FAIR TRADE 101 EVENT

Interested in getting more involved with Fair Trade on campus? Join us for an evening of education, dialogue, and workshops on the Fair Trade and Fair Food movements of today. This event also kicks off planning for the annual Fair Trade Week at the end of November. If you cannot make the event, but are still interested in working on the Fair Trade Committee, contact Kate Lecci at leccik@duq.edu or Luci-Jo DiMaggio at dimaggi171@duq.edu.

For more information on Fair Trade visit http://www.crsfairtrade.org/ and http://fairtradefederation.org/.

SAVE THE DATE

FAIR TRADE 101 EVENT

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6 p.m.
Spiritan Campus Ministry Center

LIBERMAN LUNCHEON

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 12 noon
Africa Room

CCME APPLICATIONS DUE

Friday, Sept. 30
Applications can be turning into 102 Administration Building, or to Luci-Jo DiMaggio in Assumption Hall

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Friday, Sept. 30 – Sunday, Oct. 2
Check DU Homecoming website for listing of events (http://www.myduquesne.duq.edu)

PRAYER FOR 9/11

We remember the day
Terror rained down
And we were engulfed
In fear and in grief.

Our grief remains
And we form our hands in prayer to say
Grant peace, O Lord, to the
Souls of all those who perished on that day.
Grant comfort to the families
Who lost loved ones,
Grant healing to the to those who carry scars,
Of the heart as well as the body,
Of that day seven years ago.
Our fear remains,
And we struggle to move beyond it
To the place where we can say,
Lord, have mercy on us and all your children,
And grant us the grace to know the true security
you promise,
The security that comes with the actualization of
peace and justice for every nation and all peoples.
May the memory of those who died,
and the recognition of all who still bear
the scars of that day,
Bless us.
May their memories inspire us in our efforts
To face the complexities of this world
so we can say
Peace be with you
And with us also.
— By Jane Deren
Education for Justice