



# Parent Page Newsletter

For the parents of children in the CGS Atrium  
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## Shalom, Pax, Peace

My people will live in peaceful country,  
in secure dwellings and quiet resting places.

- Isaiah 32:18

Our world is not at peace. There are moments when peace does not reside in our homes or our hearts. Adults and children alike long for the peace that only can be found in God. What has the child helped us to understand about peace?

In the atrium, our children come to know that the source of peace is Christ. Through the words of the prophets, we know that His name is Prince of Peace, and we hear the greeting of the angels on the night of His birth: Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth! In our liturgy, we share a sign of peace with one another. Through the gestures and signs of liturgy, the children know that this peace begins with Christ.

The peace we seek is more than a relational peace, or simply peace among people. It is important to work toward resolving conflict, developing compassion, and understanding other's perspectives. While we do seek harmony among all of God's creation, the peace we strive for is the peace that comes from being in a relationship with God.

"From a religious perspective, many things observed in young children lead us to say that they live their relationship with God in a way different from that of adults. Many adults say that they have found God in the trials of their lives, in moments of solitude and abandonment, in pain and suffering. The child finds God in joy and experiences a profound joy in the relationship with God. It is a different joy from what children live in many other experiences, which often leave them tired, tense, and enervated.

The joy that children experience in the relationship with God puts them at peace, a deep peace, that lingers within and which they do not wish to leave. It is a peace that makes one think that a deep chord has been touched within them and that they want to continue to listen to its lingering vibrations. It is a recollected joy and it spreads. It leads one to think that the child has found in the relationship with God the satisfaction of a vital, existential need."

- Way of Holy Joy, by Sofia Cavalletti, "Chapter Three: The Child and Peace", p 25