

**Dedication and Blessing  
of the  
School of the Madeleine  
Peace Garden**

September 21, 2006  
*International Day of Peace*

*Student Leadership:* Seventh grade students

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

*Kali:* Please join me in saying the Salute to the Flag...

GREETING and WELCOME:

*Father David and Mr. Calegari--*

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:

*S. Mary Brennan, OP:* You are each invited to come and sit in our garden and observe the miracle of God's creation, the love of life and the diversity of creation. May you experience a deep peace in yourself and take time to pray that everyone in our world will experience peace.

To all students, we hope that your experience with the garden fills you with wonder.

There are so many to thank for this garden....

- Katie Calvert, who has carried the vision for over 8 years and must be happy to see the reality
- Katy Disbrow, whose passion to bring a place of beauty to the school led her to write the grant and supervise the project.
- Joan Gallagher, chairman of the garden committee, who is our resident botanist and educator
- Gabrielle Baumgartner, whose love of science has brought us an upgraded science lab for indoor experiments and the garden to provide outdoor experiences.
- Tim Hassler, whose leadership has repaired and brought beauty to our "needy" hillside, curbside planters and the Milvia Street school landscaping.
- Lisa Cortez-Homes for working on the peace pole project
- Dace Rapa, who gathered the "peace" words from the parents and provided our "peace" decorations from ECP students.
- Dr Jerry Thomas, who carved the "Peace Garden" sign on the small pole.
- Bob Leary, who placed the copper tops on the poles, treated them and installed the "Peace Garden" sign
- Michael Nordahl, who was of great help in securing the lumber for the project

- Tim Borja, who provided the irrigation system and performed the miracle of removing the core of the merry-go-round.
- Manuel Gutierrez and his workers, who did the final work with the planter boxes.
- Parents' Association for giving the grant to complete the garden.
- Finally to all the students who have helped with the projects to make this garden celebration

PRAYER: *Mary:* Now, as we join individuals, families, and communities from all around the globe in celebrating the International Day of Peace today, LET US REMEMBER THAT WE ARE IN THE HOLY PRESENCE OF GOD.

The first reading that we will share is from the Book of Isaiah from the Old Testament. In this reading, the prophet reminds us that peace will come about when we learn to treat one another with mutual respect and justice. A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah...

*The spirit from on high will be poured out on us and justice will reign in our hearts. Then the desert will become an orchard and the orchard will be regarded as a forest.*

*Alexis: Right will dwell in the desert and justice will abide in the orchard. Justice will bring about peace; and right will produce calm and security. My people will live in a peaceful country, in secure dwellings and quiet resting places.*

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*Olenka:* Our second reading from one of St. Paul's letters expresses our belief that if we let the virtues, especially love, guide our lives, peace will surround us and light our way. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

*Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another.*

*Min-Shu: Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues, put on love, which binds the rest together and MAKES THEM PERFECT. Christ's peace must reign in your hearts, since as members of the one body you have been called to that peace.*

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*Faith:* In response to the readings, the youth choir will sing "Dona Nobis Pacem." Following this, the Mad Band will play "Dona Nobis Pacem" in canon form. The words "Dona Nobis Pacem" means "Give us Peace". The choir will conclude with "Halle, Halle, Halle"

GOSPEL: The Lord be with you. And also with you. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, oh Lord.

*When Jesus saw the crowds he went up on the mountainside. After he had sat down, his disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them:*

*“How blessed are the poor in spirit; the reign of God is theirs. Blessed too are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled. Blessed are the lowly; they shall inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall have their fill. Blessed are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blessed are the single hearted for they shall see God. Blessed too are the peacemakers; they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are all those who are persecuted for holiness’ sake; the reign of God is theirs. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you because of me. Be glad and rejoice for your reward in heaven is great.”*

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Faith:* Let’s be silent for a moment and reflect on Jesus’ message.  
(10 full seconds)

BLESSING OF PEACE POLE, GARDEN AND ALL PRESENT:

*Fr. David Farrugia, Pastor--*

*Faith:* Now we will pray the peace prayer that will be spoken by people around the world at 12:00 noon: The prayer will be offered in English by Sarah, in Spanish by Senora Scheiner, in Italian by Mrs. Saroni, and in Hebrew by Ms. Richards.

Lead me from death to life...from falsehood to truth.  
Lead me from despair to hope...from fear to trust.  
Lead me from hate to love...from war to peace.  
Let PEACE fill our hearts, our world, our universe!  
PEACE, PEACE, PEACE!!

*Sarah:* Now Mrs. Baumgartner will conclude our prayer celebration

*Mrs. Baumgartner:* Here is a closing prayer that serves to remind all of us what we need to grow in our peace garden....

### **Peace is Growing a Garden**

For the garden of our daily living we must plant three rows of peas:

“Peas” of mind

“Peas” of heart

“Peas” of soul

We must plant four rows of squash:

“Squash” gossip

“Squash” indifference

“Squash” grumbling

“Squash” selfishness

We should also plant four rows of lettuce:

“Lettuce” be faithful

“Lettuce” be kind

“Lettuce” be patient

“Lettuce” really love one another

Our garden needs turnips:

“Turnip” for school

“Turnip” for meetings

“Turnip” for service

“Turnip” to help one another

Finally, our garden must have thyme:

“Thyme” for each other

“Thyme” for family

“Thyme” for friends

Water the garden freely with patience and cultivate it with deep love. There is much fruit in the garden because we reap what we sow.

--- Todd Parr in “The Peace Book”

CONCLUDING REMARKS:

*Mr. Calegari--*

BAND, CHOIR AND STUDENTS:

“The Madeleine Song,”

There's a school in Berkeley.....we think it is the best!!

Blue and gold, its colors, reflect the golden west.

"BE GOOD TO ONE ANOTHER," that is our claim to fame.

Now I think you know it, yes, Madeleine's the name!

To the Madeleine we will one and all be true.

With its help, I'm sure we will all come smiling through.

So we'll sing three cheers as we spend the years  
At the Madeleine, the school we love the best!

- Sister Bonaventure, ©. 1940

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We will conclude our dedication and blessing of the Peace Garden by saying:

***LET'S BE GOOD TO ONE ANOTHER! AND PASS IT ON!***