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ARTISANS OF PEACE

*"Peace gains ground in the same way: word by word, deed by deed, just as a rock is hollowed out drop by drop, or fabric woven stitch by stitch."*¹

Last September, students from our school in Fuji, Japan, reached out to Margaret Mwarili rscj (The Society's UN-NGO representative), to ask her, *"what we were doing for peace"?*

"They asked, if adults don't get along with each other, maybe they'll be sensitive to the children's voices."



This was the starting point of the **"ARTISANS OF PEACE"** project initiated and led by the team from JPIC International. The first steps of organizing the project are underway and it will start on **September 21, 2026**.

1. A project for everyone

This project is addressed to the entire Sacred Heart family, rscj and laity, of all generations, throughout the world, and each one can take part in it in his or her own way.

¹ Pope Leo XIV, April 11, 2026

This project aims to spread peace in hearts! But also, to strengthen peacebuilding skills, to train future peace actors and to forge links between RSCJ, communities and educational networks around the world.

A beautiful way to weave the 4 threads of our apostolic priorities: education, spirituality, formation and JPIC.

2. Concrete proposals

There are some concrete proposals (activities, materials and resources, etc.) for participating in the project:

- **A spiritual journey from December 2026 to June 2027: "I give you my peace"** prepared by an international team Marie-Jeanne Elonga (AFR) Erika Tornya rscj (CEI) Ms. Noreen Heenan, Ms. Vicky Lorenzato, Mélanie Guste rscj (ANAM) Kim Hyo Seung rscj (NEANZ) Maricruz Trigueros rscj (ANAM).
- **"What the Church's social doctrine teaches us about peace"**: resources prepared by Meg Causey rscj (ANAM).
- **Portraits of "figures of peace"** for each of our new provinces. (Y Jimenez, Generalate-JPIC,
- **Online sessions to train in "non-violent communication"**, every Saturday, for 8 weeks, you will be able to access this one-and-a-half-hour training offered by Sacred Heart Transformative Center. Registration will start in August.
- **Praying from a text addressed to Sophie**, composed by Marie-Paule Prémat rscj (Euro-Nil).
- **Putting peace at the heart of our community and provincial projects.**
- **Educational and training resources for all ages**

And others at your initiative or of which you will be informed during the year

3. Become an "ambassador"

Communities and groups can register. All you have to do is for one member to become an "ambassador" on behalf of a group and you will receive resources. Register [HERE: https://artisansofpeace.org/become-ambassador/](https://artisansofpeace.org/become-ambassador/)

You can visit the project website where you'll find information about it and the proposed activities and resources: artisansofpeace.org

If you are in contact with a group of young people, adults, you can also register it. Schools and universities are currently in the process of appointing their ambassadors.



4. Project leaders

This letter gives us the opportunity to thank the team: Rachel Guillien rscj, Rena Bersola, Appoline Bouts, Margaret Mwarili rscj and Yolanda Jiménez for their attention to reality, their creative response, and all the work behind this initiative in the service of peace and life, as part of our educational mission and our international apostolic Body.

"Prayer commits to convert what remains of violence in our hearts and minds (...). Let us believe again in love, moderation and good politics. Let us train and commit ourselves, each responding to his or her own vocation. Everyone has their place in the mosaic of peace!"²

In this month of May, which takes us from Easter to Pentecost, let us ask through the intercession of Mary and Madeleine Sophie to welcome the Peace of the Risen One.

Even today, we can still hear Sophie saying to us as well: *"Surrender yourself to the inspirations of the Spirit; be for him like an instrument that an artisan handles as he pleases, without encountering resistance..."³*

We entrust this project to her, along with our journey and our shared passion for being artisans of hope and peace in the hands of the Artisan of Life.

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The General Council

² Pope Leo XIV April 11, 2026

³ Letter from MSB to J. Cabagni, March 1856