

"And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him."

2 Corinthians 5:18 -21

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab/bible/2corinthians/2corinthians5.htm>

Listed below are some reference materials that is being supplied by the Department of Catholic Education Ministries. These sources are applicable for all of us who minister to adults, youth and children of our parishes and schools.

We are living in unsettling times and people will be looking to us for guidance and direction. I believe that these materials will be most helpful.

These materials will also be posted this coming Monday, March 24th on the website of Youth and Young Adult Ministry under Pastoral Care "Hot Topics".

Let our efforts be bound by prayer that peace becomes the reconciling factor.

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Section One

What is the Catholic Stance on War with Iraq?

- 1) Papal Prayers for Peace**
http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/special_features/peace/prayer-peace_index.html
- 2) Pope Pleas for World to Avert War in Iraq**
<http://www.americancatholic.org/News/JustWar/Iraq/default.asp#Background>
- 3) Bishop's Conference**
<http://www.nccbuscc.org/bishops/iraq.htm>
- 4) Resources for Parishes produced by the USCCB**
<http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/peace/index.htm>
- 5) Church's Teaching on War and Peace**
<http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/harvestexr.htm>
- 6) Letter to President Bush on Iraq by Bishop Wilton D. Gregory
September 13, 2002**
<http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/international/bush902.htm>
- 7) St. Anthony's Messenger Article: The Iraqi Church Cries Out**
<http://www.americancatholic.org/Messenger/Feb2000/feature2.asp>

- 8) **Just War Theory**
<http://www.americancatholic.org/News/JustWar/justwar.asp>
- 9) **Booklet Summarizing Catholic Position**
<http://www.osjspm.org/iraq.pdf>
- 10) **Our Sunday Visitor Brochure (can be ordered at minimal charge) about Just War Theory and the Catholic Position on War with Iraq**
<http://www.osvpublishing.com/whatthechurchteaches/justwar/index.asp>
- 11) **A Just War in a Time of Terrorism: A Franciscan Perspective**
<http://www.fi-na.org/page1.html>

Section Two

Are there any Lesson Plans/Resources for use in a classroom or youth ministry setting?

- 1) **Disciples Now - Wonderful Links and Information summaries geared towards teenagers**
<http://www.disciplesnow.com/catholic/static/article503.html>
- 2) **St. Mary's Press Prayers, Lesson Plans Pastoral Guides**
<http://www.smp.org/tragedy/Issues.cfm>
- 3) **NFCYM - Resources on the War in Iraq**
<http://www.nfcym.org/v3/resources/iraq.html>
- 4) **Bishops Conference Resources for Lesson Plans on Peace**
<http://www.nccbuscc.org/publishing/9-11/teens.htm>
- 5) **Channel One News - A news site for children that provides the latest updates on the possible war with Iraq and other top stories. (Not Catholic)**
<http://www.channelonenews.com>
- 6) **Christian Brother's Conference Lesson Plans on Peace and Justice can be adapted for Elementary as well as Secondary**
<http://www.cbconf.org/cbc.nsf/pages/4kidsles1>

Section Three

How do I talk to the children/ teenagers in my life about war, violence and terrorism?

- 1) **Guides for Teachers and Parents (In Spanish and English) Talking to Children about War Highly Recommended - Excellent Downloadable Resources/Developmental Guidelines**
http://www.ncccv.org/violence/children_terrorism.htm
- 2) **PBS - Highly recommended - especially for Parents of children in Elementary School**
<http://www.pbs.org/parents/issuesadvice/war>
- 3) **Family Education - Talking to Children About War**
<http://www.familyeducation.com/article/0,1120,1-4412,00.html>

4) American Association of Pediatrics

AAP offers information regarding bioterrorism, disasters, and terrorists attacks. It offers advice on how to communicate with children concerning these issues.

<http://www.aap.org/terrorism/index.html>

5) American Psychological Association

<http://www.apa.org/practice/ptindex.html>

Section Four

How can parents respond to the impact of the media on children during the broadcast of a tragedy?

1) Discussing the News with 3 to 7 Year-Olds: What to Do?

<http://www.naeyc.org/resources/eyly/1998/22.htm>

2) Media Violence and Young Children

<http://npin.org/library/pre1998/n00154/n00154.html>

3) More Chills than Thrills: Protecting Children from Frightening Mass Media

<http://npin.org/pnews/1999/pnew599/int599e.html>

4) Talking with Your Children about the News

<http://www.talkingwithkids.org/television/twk-news.html>