

Name: _____ School or Parish: _____

PEACEBUILDERS INITIATIVE – PEACE PROJECT REVISED PROPOSAL
Due October 29, 2010

What is a Peace Project? The Peacebuilders Initiative does not end after the Summer Program. Nor is its impact limited to those students who attend. Through the Peace Projects initiated by the participants, the program's impact reaches beyond the circle of the participants. Over the course of the year, you will enhance your Christian leadership skills by creating and developing a project to advance peacebuilding and reconciliation in your school, parish, or community. You can address any one of the many issues, which divide society and prevent peacebuilding and reconciliation from thriving. You develop the project in consultation with the Peacebuilders Partner from your school or parish and your Mentors. As you prepare and implement the project, your Partner and Mentors will help you reflect on the way such activities deepen and express your faith.

Criteria – Though a Peace Project can take many different forms, depending on the needs or opportunities present in your particular community, there are certain elements that must be a part of every project. Catholic Social Teaching provides specific principles (indicated in **bold**) that should guide the creation and implementation of the Peace Project. Additionally, action on behalf of justice must be rooted in and sustained by prayerful reflection. Therefore, every Peace Project should:

1. Be rooted in your local community. (**Dignity of the Human Person, Participation**)
2. Build and strengthen relationships between individuals and between communities. (**Participation, Solidarity**)
3. Involve and honor the voices of everyone your project will affect. (**Dignity of the Human Person, Participation**)
4. Address a need or opportunity within your community to build peace and justice, especially one concerning the poor, vulnerable, and/or young. (**Option for the Poor, Solidarity**)
5. Incorporate prayer and/or reflection for and with all those affiliated with the project. (**Participation, Solidarity**)

REVISED Vision Statement:

Goal #1: What specific actions must you take to accomplish this goal and who are your partners in these action steps?

➤ **Action Step #1:**

➤ **Action Step #2:**

➤ **Actions Step #3:**

➤ **Additional Action Steps, if needed:**

Goal #2:

➤ **Action Step #1:**

➤ **Action Step #2:**

➤ **Actions Step #3:**

➤ **Additional Action Steps, if needed:**

Timeline (for accomplishing each Action Step and overall Goal – it may help to think backwards):

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description (Event or Task)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Key Participants*</u>

*Key Participants are people other than yourself who have a major role in the event or task.

Time Commitment – Using the estimates listed in the Action Steps, about how much time will I need to work on this project? How much time should I devote to this project in an average week? How often will I meet with my partner contact? This should include both the time necessary to complete the Action Steps and consult with collaborators/allies.