

# Artist's Note:

When asked to design a poster based on the theme “Blessed are the Peacemakers,” I wanted to show what being a peacekeeper means to me. I believe that the idea of peace revolves around understanding and unity, which is why I have two hands reaching out to each other. I wanted the visuals on this poster to reflect how we, as individuals and as a community, are living in a world that is often divided. This could be due to factors such as beliefs, politics, and/or war. The hands reaching across the broken bridge are meant to represent the effort it takes to connect with others and build peace, even when there are barriers between us.

The overall style of this poster is very simple. I used blue as my main colour for this poster since I found it calming and I felt like it wouldn't take away from the central imagery, which is the main focus. At the centre of the poster is a large cross, which I wanted to serve as a reminder that Christ is at the heart of true peace. I wanted it to appear as though the cross connects the two sides of the broken bridge, symbolizing how faith can guide us toward healing and reconciliation. The cross also serves as a reminder of how Jesus dying on the cross gave us the gift of free will. Jesus' sacrifice gave us the freedom to make our own choices. It is important that we use this freedom to make choices that will lead us toward becoming peacemakers in our everyday lives.

Overall, I wanted this poster to be a reminder that peace is a choice that we should choose to live out daily. I believe that peace is grounded in how we treat each other every day and is a way of life that values humility and responsibility. To be a peacemaker means to be respectful, understanding, and compassionate. However, just like the two hands reaching across the broken bridge, it takes effort, intention, and most importantly, Christ at the centre to build peace.

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