LOVE IN ACTION



YOUTH RESOURCE

SOLIDARITY AMONG PEOPLES AND THE PROMOTION OF PEACE

- Have a range of newspapers and magazines, local and national. Get people to go through them, ripping out examples of conflict, war, violence, and if possible, peace that they find.
- Encourage people to share what they find, what struck them, what surprised them, how many examples of peace building they found.
- Have the following quotations printed out large. What appeals about the statements? What challenges? Are they right?
 - "Peace is not just the absence of war. It involves mutual respect and confidence between peoples and nations. It involves collaboration and binding agreements. Like a cathedral, peace must be constructed patiently and with unshakable faith."

Pope Saint John Paul II, Homily in Coventry, 1982

- "If you want peace, work for justice." Pope Saint Paul VI, Fifth World Day for Peace, 1972
- "those who raise walls will end up as slaves within the very walls they have built. They are left without horizons, for they lack this interchange with others." Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti
- Solidarity is about being alongside others. As we saw earlier, if we're all created by God, we're linked to all other people. It has to affect the way we treat one another.
- Peace starts with us. The way we interact with one another, the way we treat one another. Pope Francis has encouraged us by saying that "to pray for someone with whom I am irritated is a beautiful step forward in love". Tonight, hold someone who irritates you in prayer.



