



*We can all be* **PEACEMAKERS!**



The National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia invites  
**YOUR STUDENTS** to participate in our  
**PEACEMAKERS ART and ESSAY CONTEST.**

- Purpose:**
- ✦ Ignite the imaginations of students, allowing them to understand themselves and their peers as **PEACEMAKERS**.
  - ✦ Show that **PEACEMAKING** happens in big and small ways.
  - ✦ Use the story of Saint Rita of Cascia to illustrate how **PEACEMAKING** is a Christian act that serves both God and our communities.

**Contest  
Guidelines:**

Teachers share the story of Saint Rita of Cascia with their students and lead a discussion on the virtues that enabled her to be a Peacemaker: *Obedience, Forgiveness, Perseverance, and Devotion*. Students then use their creative skills to show their understanding.

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**How Can You Teach Saint Rita's Story?**

Teachers can use the story and study guide that the Shrine produces, **OR** they can invite our Shrine Director, Chesley Turner, to come speak to a class or assembly of students!

## PreK to First Grade

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### *Art Contest*

**Draw a picture of somebody being kind. What are they saying?**

Students learn the story of Saint Rita of Cascia. Then, they can use the ideas of friendship, kindness and forgiveness to draw a picture and write (or dictate) a short sentence about their picture.

## Second Grade to Fifth Grade

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### *Short Essay and Art Contest*

**What makes someone a Peacemaker?**

Students learn the story of Saint Rita of Cascia. Then, they consider the attributes she showed during her lifetime to write a paragraph and illustrate it with a picture.

## Middle School

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### *Essay or Art Contest (Teacher's Choice)*

**What does it mean to be a modern-day Peacemaker?**

Students learn and discuss the story of Saint Rita of Cascia. Then, they either write a page-long essay or create artwork that answers the question: *What does it mean to be a modern-day Peacemaker?*

## CONTEST DETAILS:

- ✚ Submissions for the contest will be received from now until April 30, 2019. Please include the SCHOOL NAME and TEACHER'S NAME, as well as the Student's name and age.
- ✚ Entries will be reviewed by the Shrine Staff and Augustinians.
- ✚ Finalists will be displayed inside the Lower Shrine for the months of April, May, and June, including our Feast Day celebrations on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. (Students' last names will not be used in the public display.)
- ✚ Winning essays and artwork will be printed in an upcoming issue of the Peacemaker Magazine and posted online at [www.SaintRitaShrine.org](http://www.SaintRitaShrine.org).

More information: Visit [www.saintritashrine.org/art-and-essay-contest](http://www.saintritashrine.org/art-and-essay-contest). Call or email Chesley Turner, Shrine Director at the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia, at 215-546-8333 or [cturner@saintritashrine.org](mailto:cturner@saintritashrine.org).



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