

## Getting Ready for Chapter 19

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## We Work for Peace and Justice

The saying “If you want peace, work for justice” sums up the Christian belief in the interconnectedness of the two. We are called to treat others fairly and with respect. In Chapter 19 children will consider the concepts of peace and justice and identify actions they can take to promote these concepts. The children will realize that Jesus taught us to treat others fairly and respectfully.

### ACTIVITY

**Certificate of Fairness** With your child, make a simple certificate with construction paper and bright-colored decorations. Help your child write the words *Fairness Counts* at the top. List words associated with fairness, such as *sharing*, *helping*, and *giving*. Each time your child acts fairly this week, give her or him a sticker to add to the certificate.

### WEEKLY PLANNER

#### On Sunday

Other than in the Sign of Peace, when is peace mentioned in the liturgy? Listen for other mentions of peace.

#### On the Web

[www.blestarewe.com](http://www.blestarewe.com)



Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

#### Saint of The Week



**Saint Catherine of Alexandria (?–305)**

Catherine of Alexandria lived in Africa. She was an intelligent woman who opposed evil and lived a life of truth and justice. After challenging the pagan emperor she was martyred for her faith.

**Patron Saint of:** craftspeople, scholars, students

**Feast Day:** November 25



**A Prayer for the Week**

Lord, you call upon us to speak up for what is true and just. May we have the courage to work for peace and justice as did Saint Catherine of Alexandria. Amen.

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### **Scripture Background**

#### **In the Time of the Early Church**

**First Christian Community** Peter set up the first Christian community in Jerusalem. Here Christians tried to adhere to the teachings of the Apostles, and center their religious life in the Eucharistic liturgy. Through a system of fair distribution, the wealthy sold their possessions for the needs of the poor. At the time, followers of Jesus continued the practice of Temple worship as Jews.

You can read of the efforts of early Christians in Acts 2:42–47, 4:32–37.

## **OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION** in Volunteerism

**Catholic Network of Volunteer Service** In 1963, the non-profit organization of Catholic Network of Volunteer Service (CNVS) was formed. Its goal is to help women and men use their gifts by volunteering service to others. Special programs help connect volunteers with volunteer opportunities. CNVS supports community-based programs such as Americorps, which is the domestic Peace Corps. This volunteer program encourages youth to help other youth with issues involving illiteracy, poverty, crime, homelessness, and environmental problems.