



Scripture Theme 2019-2020

From Paul's Letter to the Romans

*“Let us then pursue what leads to peace
and to building up one another” Romans 14:19*



Background

This verse comes from the Letter that Paul wrote to the Romans. The letter was specifically intended to guide the Christians in Rome in their duties as followers of Christ. How fitting that these words ring true for us this year as we seek to build each other up in community, a community rooted in peace.

Saint Mother Teresa won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. In her Nobel lecture she said, “....just get together, love one another, bring that peace, that joy, that strength of presence of each other in the home. And we will be able to overcome all the evil that is in the world.” Let us heed her advice within the Benilde-St. Margaret's family - to be truly present to each other, to first bring peace and joy when we meet one another in the hallway or during lunch or in class or at a meeting. Last year we focused on letting our light shine and used the wisdom of Pope Francis to understand the everyday sanctity that is present by just being ourselves. This year in the midst of differing opinions and stressful situations may we continue to be ourselves and keep the promotion of peace and the building up of one another at the forefront of our minds.

Questions for Reflection

- 1. How do you promote peace? At home, in the classroom, in your extracurricular activities? What can you do better?**
- 2. This year how can you focus on building others up? Take some time to name specific ways.**
- 3. How can BSM be a catalyst of peace for our students and families, faculty and community partners?**

