

14th Annual Worldwide Eucharistic Children's Holy Hour Praying For Peace in Families and in the World

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On October 7th, 2016 children from over 140 countries around the globe, from the smallest of villages to those in the largest of cities, spiritually united to pray for peace in their families and in the world.

We recognize that our global world is getting smaller and conflict is touching all of our lives in one way or another. We are part of the global witness to violence and we also are a witness to the social abandonment of the elderly, the disabled, the unwanted and the unborn in Canada and abroad.

In prayerful response to the culture of death and abandonment and in anticipation of the centennial anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Carman, Manitoba participated in the Worldwide Eucharistic Holy Hour.



Our Lady requested at Fatima to the three little shepherd children that we, *“Pray the Rosary every day in honor of our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace in the world”* and Pope John Paul, in his address to the youth at the 2000 World Youth day stated, *“It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.”*

The children and youth of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish experienced the joy of knowing that children and youth just like themselves were gathered before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, praying the same prayers for their own family and all the families of the world, spiritually united for peace.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is in the process of preparing for next year's Worldwide Eucharistic Holy Hour. We hope other parishes will consider offering a Holy Hour with their children and youth, and participating in next year's 15th Worldwide Eucharistic Children's Holy Hour. For more information, visit: childrenoftheeucharist.org.