

Community Peacemakers (CPM)

Chicago Public Schools Office of Service-Learning and Civic Engagement & the Vincentian Community Service Office of DePaul University Ministry

The Community Peacemakers (CPM) is a partnership between the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and DePaul University. The partnership matches DePaul Peacemakers with high school teachers and their students and focuses on a series of educational activities that explore the root causes of violence and alternatives for peace in schools. These activities are facilitated by the DePaul Peacemakers in collaboration with the classroom teacher.

CPM involves an exploration of attitudes, behaviors, knowledge, and skills which promote non-violence through dialogue, practice, and consensus-building. Each of the activities in the Community Peacemakers initiative will focus on such themes as root causes of violence, privilege and oppression, Restorative Justice, peace-makers and peace-making, and social justice.

Through the course of the program, DePaul Peacemakers will work with CPS students and teachers to create a peace project for their specific school. This project will focus on the issues of violence that CPS students identify and the nonviolent solutions for those issues. Partner CPS high schools will carry out their projects on Chicago Youth Service Day Saturday, April 25th 2015.



Figure 1 - Peacemakers Lauro Roman (Senior) and Morgan Spears (Freshman) at the Chicago Youth Peace Rally

Participating Chicago Public Schools

Carl Schurz High School
Edwin G. Foreman High School
John Hancock College Preparatory High School
Morgan Park High School
Ogden International High School
Theodore Roosevelt High School
Walter H. Dyett High School
William Howard Taft High School

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