

## **BACKGROUND and GOOD SHEPHERD CONNECTION**

This month's alert comes to us from our friend, Deacon Tom Monday, who is at our cluster sister parish in Menomonee Falls, St. Mary's. Tom recently wrote us:

*Dear Friends and Colleagues in Ministry to God's People:*

*I have become aware of a very worthwhile effort to promote peace in the world. It comes from Kathleen Chesto, who is a prominent Catholic educator. Kathleen is promoting this concept.*

*I urge you to join me in promoting and participating in this worthwhile effort for Peace in our world.*

*God bless,*

*Deacon Tom Monday*



## **ACTION**

This alert is being authored on July 7, 2007. Kathleen Chesto is suggesting that in this 7/7/7 symbolism there is a spark of an idea that could lead to something big. She asks us, "Will we stand with seven for peace?"

Here is Kathleen' message:

*We have reached a terrible stalemate in our quest for peace. We do not know how to achieve stability in the Middle East, how to bring our troops home, how to get beyond the horns of the dilemma on which we are caught. We all agree we want peace, but our very conversations are filled with angry rhetoric and hateful recriminations. As we argue, people continue to die, not only in the Middle East, but in conflicts all over our globe.*



*It is time to stop. To stand in silence and honor our dead, to think thoughts of peace, to silently pray prayers of peace, and to send that positive energy into our world.*

*On the seventh day of the seventh month of 2007, you are invited to light a candle for peace and remembrance and to stand silently outside your home at 7 PM for seven minutes. Invite seven people to do the same.*

*For seven months (July through January), we will continue to stand on the seventh day of the month. If each person invited seven more, by the seventh month, we could circle the globe. If each person stands at 7 PM in his or her own time zone, then every hour of that day, somewhere on earth, at least one person will be lighting a candle for peace.*

*Will you be one of seven who stand for peace?*

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