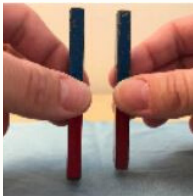
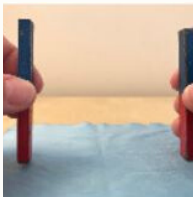


# Using Magnets to Show How to Build Peace

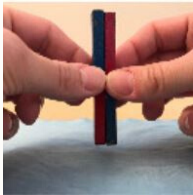


Electrical forces in a magnet create a north and south pole. When you place the north pole of one magnet near the south pole of the other, they are attracted to one another. When you place north to north pole or south to south, the magnets will repel each other. No matter how hard we push together, the magnets will push away. Building peace sometimes requires us to stop pushing and take new actions.



## **WE AGREE THAT WE DISAGREE**

Just like magnets “fight” each other, sometimes people fight each other. We need to take new actions to create peace. Often the best “action” is to step away and talk through our disagreement.



## **CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE**

Each of us hold a little of the truth in our opinions. Through open conversation that uncovers the truth (Dominicans call this “Disputatio”), one person might change their mind, or “turn the magnet.” Just as turning the magnet makes the magnets stop pushing each other, sharing and conversation can make people stop pushing each other away. Peace can happen!