

SSM DePaul Health Center

We chose the images of a dove and open hands. In Islamic, Judaic and Christian tradition, the dove is a sign of God's love, mercy and saving grace. In Christianity, the dove also symbolizes the Holy Spirit. In Western culture, the dove symbolizes peace. Open hands are a symbol of need, caring, sharing, giving, receiving and friendship. In the Christian tradition, we refer to Christ's healing hands, and in health care, we become instruments of His healing hands. As the Buddha opened his hands for the world, when we open our healing hands to all, we give and receive, not just healing, but the love, mercy, grace and peace of the many traditions that we welcome into our healing environment, whether they be staff, patients, or visitors.

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