



# Pathways Toward Peace



A crowd of anxious children counts down to the lighting of the tree in front of St. Francis.



Jeanne Colopietro and her son Daniel, 10, share a quiet moment in front of the newly-lit Christmas tree at St. Francis.

## Moments of calm, prayer light city of Geneva

Parishioners from St. Francis De Sales and St. Stephen's parishes, the Roman Catholic Community of Geneva, illuminated their city with a "Lights of Peace" celebration Dec. 6, the feast of St. Nicholas. The parishes had held similar celebrations in the early 1990s, and decided to reinstate the event after the Sept. 11 terrorist tragedies.

This year's celebration was a time to pray for men and women in the armed services, political and religious leaders, relief workers and others working for justice. It also was a time to calm personal turmoil in the wake of the terrorists' actions. Mass was said at St. Stephen's, where two large trees outside then were lit. Parishioners sang carols as they marched to St. Francis, where another tree was lit. The evening concluded with a social. Parishioners raised \$706 for the Geneva Center of Concern by purchasing bulbs for the lightings for \$2, each in honor of someone for whom they wanted prayers.

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Susana Hunt, 10, (left) and Tiffany Waite, 10, hold crucifixes while singing Christmas carols as they march from St. Stephen to St. Francis Church.

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