

## June – Virtue of the Month: Faithfulness

### June Week 1 Morning Prayer : Virtue of the Month – Faithfulness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

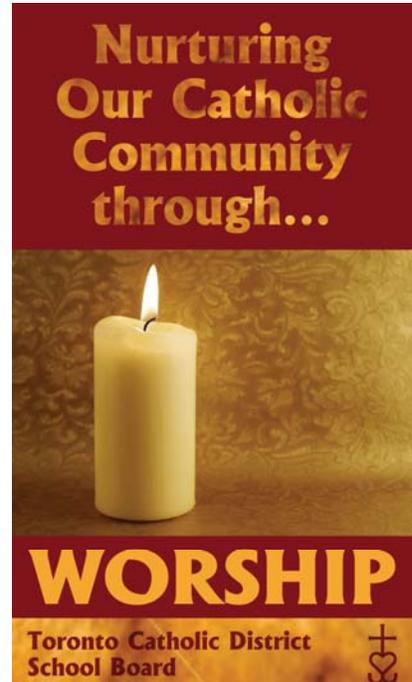
The Virtue of the Month for June is Faithfulness. One aspect of the habit of faithfulness is that we stay the course, we remain at our post, we do our duties, we don't abandon the ship at the first sign of distress. What we admire in the life of loyal animals, we underline as an important value for ourselves. Nevertheless, being faithful is a challenge, for we know from experience that the many layers of distraction within our culture and our psyches pull us in various directions, that we can be fickle, forgetful, lazy, drawn to short cuts and to what is trivial, that we can be disloyal and dishonest. To overcome the pitfall of discouragement, we need the faithfulness of parents and friends, the wisdom of teachers and counselors, and the profound experience of the steady love of God whispering in our hearts that we are of extraordinary value and that we can and should always begin again.

In gratitude for the faithfulness of parents, school staff and peers in supporting our journey to adulthood. We pray to You, Lord. (Response: Lord, hear our prayer.)

That the example of the faithfulness of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and all the saints will encourage us to be loyal and persevering. We pray to You, Lord.  
(Response..)

Let us pray an Our Father together.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



## June Week 2 Morning Prayer: Virtue of the Month - Faithfulness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

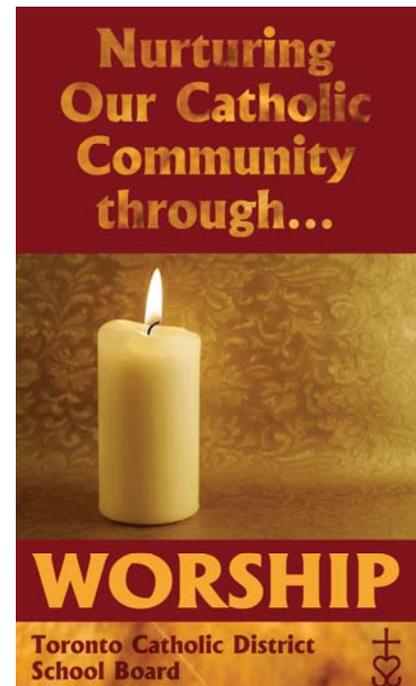
In the words of the Canadian Jesuit theologian Bernard Lonergan, faith is the knowledge of God born of religious love. The infinite love of God's Holy Spirit invades our mind and hearts and we are able to live out of the joy of a new horizon that continually expands our souls. We see the world and every person and thing that is in it with new eyes. We experience the peace that the world cannot give, as it says in the Gospel of John. This is a love that is without limits. The texture of its authenticity is discovered in the attitudes of profound respect, generosity, gentleness, self-control and faithfulness found among those who embrace it. This love reveals the awesome power of the utterly generous hand of God reaching out both to hold us tenderly and to free us. The mysterious certainty of faith allows us to say "Yes" to such a God as this.

In thanksgiving for the gift of faith, and for an increase of faith in God. We pray to You, Lord.  
(Lord, hear our prayer.)

That the light of faith will sustain us in times of tragedy and darkness. We pray to You, Lord.  
(Response...)

Let us pray a Hail Mary together.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



## June Week 3 Morning Prayer: Virtue of the Month - Faithfulness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

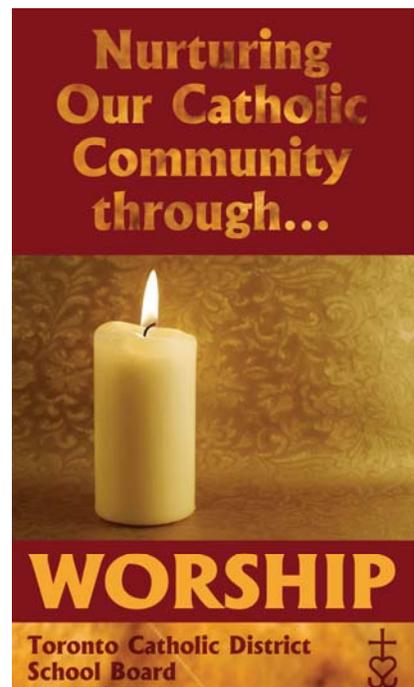
We know that according to the laws of sociology and science, things begin, grow, live, change, and pass away. We experience change as ambivalent, for in our complex world the cycles of progress and decline happen at various levels and rhythms all at the same time. What is constant is the presence and love of God in the heart of our conscience. What is constant is the dialogue of God in the depth of our souls - helping us, guiding us, informing us, pointing us the way in our relationships, beckoning us through the pain of the world to be the hands of the Holy Spirit, assuring us that in the great plan of God each one of us is called to make an indelible mark on this world. The mysterious Presence of God “enfolds us as though with a robe of light” according to St John Henry Newman, and in the warmth and protection of that robe we can breathe the peace and faithfulness of God’s peace and love across the range of all of our activities and living.

In gratitude for the faithfulness of God shown so fully in the life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. We pray to You, Lord. (Response: Lord, hear our prayer.)

In gratitude for the faithfulness of family and friends. We pray to You, Lord.  
(Response..)

Let us pray a Glory Be together.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



## June Week 4 Morning Prayer: Virtue of the Month - Faithfulness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

We arrive at the end point of another year of schooling. Suddenly, it is upon us. What seemed so distant only several month ago, and was so fully anticipated back then is all at once right here – almost a surprise ending. In the rush of events, the preparation for exams, the planning for the summer, we can be forgetful of the gift of the year that was. Good memories nourish hope. Painful memories can begin their healing process through the knowledge that we have persevered. There is much that is good. We live in a school structure that encourages us to grow as persons, in wisdom, in relationship, in strength. We live in a faith tradition that offers us a gateway to meaning and fullness in the midst of all of life's exceptional challenges. From that horizon we know that God in Jesus Christ has walked this path before us, pointing us the way to live a blessed and faithful life.

In gratitude for the school year that is ending, and for all the gestures of faithfulness that we have received. We pray to You, Lord. (Response: Lord, hear our prayer.)

That through the months of summer we will find our energies renewed and our faith refreshed. We pray to You, Lord. (Response..)

Let us pray an Our Father together.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

