

# Virtues: Faith and Character Development

## LOVE

### *How To Show Love*

#### **Quote of the month**

*Love is in your heart not to stay but to be shared*

**OR**

*Love is like the air we breathe. It may not always be seen, but it is always felt, used and Needed*

#### **Criteria for choosing student of the month in your class**

**1. Let your actions be guided by the idea that God says we should love one another as He has loved us.**

- Think of what God's love is like
- If God is inside everyone, it becomes easier to try to show love to them

**2. Jesus said we should love our enemy**

- It's easy to show love to those with whom we are close. The challenge is to show love to those with whom we do NOT get along.
- We should try to respect and love everyone, even those who do NOT respect and love us back

**3. The Bible says that Love is always patient and kind**

- When we start to lose our patience with someone, we need to remember what love is
- One of the easiest way to show love to others is to be kind to them.

**4. Live your life in a way that makes others know you are a follower of Christ**

- The Golden rule asks us to love our neighbour as we would want them to love us
- Living a life of virtue means to show love to all whom we meet

### **Further suggestions for Faith and Character Development Education**

- Communicate with your parish priest what the virtue of the month is and ask him to consider referring to this virtue during the school Mass
- If any students write the journals on the virtue of the month, consider putting an excerpt from each division into the school newsletter
- Morning announcements remain an excellent time to refer to the daily activity
- If you do not have a student council, you could suggest that each class come up with a one minute advertisement for the virtue of the month during shared or independent writing
- If you are choosing students of the month for the virtue, you can take their pictures and post them around the Faith and Character Development bulletin board.
- A reminder to consider including in your monthly newsletter the quote of the month for the virtue and the 3 or 4 main criteria that students are working towards showing for this virtue.