APRIL

Virtue: Justice

“But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” (Amos 5:24)

Catholic Graduate Expectation: A Reflective, Creative and Holistic Thinker

Principles of Catholic Social Teaching: Stewards of Creation
Overview of the Virtue of Justice

Justice means that we deal fairly with others, recognizing the equality and dignity of all.

It requires that we work to insure that all people, especially the poor and the weak, have access to opportunities.

It assumes that none of us is free until all of us are.

One of the central tenants of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of the human being; we are all created in the image of God, and therein rests our inalienable dignity.

Justice is extended to people, animals, the environment; the whole universe.

Catholic Graduate Expectation -- I HAVE IDEAS!

A REFLECTIVE AND CREATIVE THINKER WHO:

- Recognizes there is more grace in our world than sin and that hope is essential in facing all challenges.
- Creates, adapts, and evaluates new ideas in light of the common good.
- Thinks reflectively and creatively to evaluate situations and solve problems.
- Makes decisions in light of gospel values with an informed moral conscience.
- Adopts a holistic approach to life by integrating learning from various subject areas and experience.
- Examines, evaluates and applies knowledge of interdependent systems (physical, political, ethical, socio-economic and ecological) for the development of a just and compassionate society.

Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION:

Catholic tradition insists that we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions which cannot be ignored.
Witness to Faith

St. Catherine of Genoa

Saint Catherine of Genoa (Caterina Fieschi Adorno, 1447 – 15 September 1510) was an Italian Roman Catholic saint and mystic, admired for her work among the sick and the poor and remembered because of various writings describing both these actions and her mystical experiences. She was a member of the noble Fieschi family, and spent most of her life and her means serving the sick, especially during the plague which ravaged Genoa in 1497 and 1501. She died in that city in 1510.
Reflection Inspired by the Faith of Catherine of Genoa

“We must not wish anything other than what happens from moment to moment, all the while, however, exercising ourselves in goodness.” -Saint Catherine of Genoa

“Since I began to love, love has not failed me.” – St. Catherine of Genoa

This Moment

A neighborhood.

At dusk.

Things are getting ready to happen out of sight.

Stars and moths.
And rinds slanting around fruit.

But not yet.

One tree is black.
One window is yellow as butter.

A woman leans down to catch a child who has run into her arms this moment.

Stars rise.
Moths flutter.
Apples sweeten in the dark.

-Eavan Boland