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Virtue: Love

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:12)

Catholic Graduate Expectation: A Caring Family Member

Principles of Catholic Social Teaching: The Common Good
Overview of the Virtue of Love

Love can be seen through one’s caring for someone, wanting to be near them and wanting to share with them.

Love is treating someone the way that you want them to treat you – with care and respect.

The joy of love can be felt in both giving and receiving.

Love is a spiritual practice and not simply something, that “just happens”.

Catholic Graduate Expectation -- I CARE!

A CARING FAMILY MEMBER WHO:

- Relates to family members in a loving, compassionate and respectful manner.
- Recognizes human intimacy and sexuality as God given gifts, to be used as the creator intended.
- Values and honours the important role of the family in society.
- Values and nurtures opportunities for family prayer.
- Ministers to the family, school, parish, and wider community through service.

Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

The Common Good:

In a global culture driven by excessive individualism, our tradition proclaims that the person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society in economics and politics, in law and policy directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Our Church teaches that the role of government and other institutions is to protect human life and human dignity and promote the common good.