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Virtue: Peacemaking

“Blessed are the peacemaker, for they will be called children of God.” (Matthew 5:9)

Catholic Graduate Expectation: A Responsible Citizen

Principles of Catholic Social Teaching: Promotion of Peace
Overview of the Virtue of Peace

- Peace is a goal of all spiritual people.

- Peace begins within ourselves and is an inner state of well-being and calm.

- People of peace promote non-violence, practice conflict resolution, and believe in cooperating to solve problems.

- The root of the Hebrew word for peace, "shalom," means "whole" and points to this twofold meaning: peace within oneself and peace between people.

Catholic Graduate Expectation - I HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES

A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN WHO:

- Acts morally and legally as a person formed in Catholic traditions.
- Accepts accountability for one's own actions.
- Seeks and grants forgiveness.
- Promotes the sacredness of life. Witnesses Catholic social teaching by promoting equality, democracy, and solidarity for a just, peaceful and compassionate society.
- Respects and affirms the diversity and interdependence of the world's peoples and cultures. Respects and understands the history, cultural heritage and pluralism of today's contemporary society.
- Exercises the rights and responsibilities of Canadian citizenship.
- Respects the environment and uses resources wisely.
- Contributes to the common good.

Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

PROMOTION OF PEACE:

Catholic teaching promotes peace as a positive, action-oriented concept. "Peace is not just the absence of war," said St. John Paul II, "it involves mutual respect and confidence between peoples and nations. It involves collaboration and binding agreements." Peace and justice are linked: Peace is the fruit of justice.

“Live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, abounding in thanksgiving.” – Colossians, 2:6-7