Virtue: Charity

“Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.” (Act 9:36)

Catholic Graduate Expectation: A Caring Family Member

Principles of Catholic Social Teaching: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
Overview of the Virtue of Charity

The virtue of Charity means being generous with our presence, time, and money.

Charity allows us to give freely without expecting anything in return.

The virtue of charity encompasses a range of small acts and habits that affects our own immediate surroundings as well as the larger global community. It can be as simple as giving someone a smile or it can be expressed on a larger scale through raising funds for world organizations.

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

OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE:

Catholic teaching proclaims that a basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Matthew 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

ROOTED IN CHRIST

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

St. Teresa of Calcutta

St. Teresa of Calcutta, M.C., commonly known as Mother Teresa (26 August 1910 – 5 September 1997), was a Roman Catholic Religious Sister and missionary of Albanian origin who lived for most of her life in India.

Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic religious congregation, which in 2012 consisted of over 4,500 sisters and is active in 133 countries. They run hospices and homes for people with HIV/AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis; soup kitchens; dispensaries and mobile clinics; children's and family counselling programs; orphanages; and schools. Members of the order must adhere to the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, and the fourth vow, to give "wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor".

Mother Teresa was the recipient of numerous honors including the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize. In 2003, she was beatified as "Blessed Teresa of Calcutta", and then canonized as St. Teresa of Calcutta.
Reflection Inspired by the Faith of St. Teresa

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love”. St. Teresa of Calcutta

God and My Friends
Once a gardener said to me,
“The plants want to grow;
Leave them he said to me.
Yes, there is pruning
And mulching
And feeding and enriching.
But we must trust the soil;
The deep tangle of distrust and guilt
Only weakens the roots.
So know this:
Love is mysterious presence
Love is the face of God

Love is the key to the abyss
Love is the prober of depths
Love is the face of your friend
Love is where God is.