

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

A DISCERNING BELIEVER FORMED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY

- Illustrates a basic understanding of the **saving story** of our Christian faith.
- Participates in the **sacramental life** of the church and demonstrates an understanding of the centrality of the Eucharist to our Catholic story.
- Actively reflects on **God's Word** as communicated through the Hebrew and Christian scriptures.
- Develops attitudes and values founded on Catholic **social teaching**, and acts to promote social responsibility, human solidarity, and the common good.
- Speaks the **language of life** ... "recognizing that life is an unearned gift and that a person entrusted with life does not own it but that one is called to protect and cherish it." (Witnesses to Faith)
- Seeks intimacy with God and celebrates **communion** with God, others, and creation through prayer and worship.
- Understands that one's purpose or **call in life** comes from God and strives to discern and live out this call throughout life's journey.
- Respects the **faith traditions**, world religions and the life-journeys, of all people of good will.
- Integrates faith with life.
- Recognizes that "sin, human weakness, conflict, and forgiveness are part of the human journey" and that the cross, the ultimate sign of forgiveness is at the heart of **redemption**. (Witnesses to Faith)

AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

- Listens actively and critically to understand and learn in light of gospel values.
- Reads, understands, and uses written materials effectively.
- Presents information and ideas clearly and honestly and with sensitivity to others.
- Writes and speaks fluently one or both of Canada's official languages.
- Uses and integrates the Catholic faith tradition, in the critical analysis of the arts, media, technology, and information systems to enhance the quality of life.

A REFLECTIVE AND CREATIVE THINKER

- Recognizes there is more grace in our world than sin and that hope is essential in facing all challenges.
- Creates, adapts, 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.

A SELF-DIRECTED, RESPONSIBLE, LIFE LONG LEARNER

- Demonstrates a confident and positive sense of self and respect for the dignity and welfare of others.
- Demonstrates flexibility and adaptability.
- Takes initiative and demonstrates Christian leadership.
- Responds to, manages, and constructively influences change in a discerning manner.
- Sets appropriate goals and priorities in school, work, and personal life.
- Applies effective communication, decision-making, problem-solving, time and resource management skills.
- Examines and reflects on one's personal values, abilities, and aspirations influencing life's choices and opportunities.
- Participates in leisure and fitness activities for a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

A COLLABORATIVE CONTRIBUTOR

- Works effectively as an interdependent team member.
- Thinks critically about the meaning and purpose of work.
- Develops one's God-given potential and makes a meaningful contribution to society.

- Finds meaning, dignity, fulfillment, and vocation in work which contributes to the common good.
- Respects the rights, responsibilities, and contributions of self and others.
- Exercises Christian leadership in the achievement of individual and group goals.
- Achieves excellence, originality, and integrity in one's own work and supports these qualities in the work of others.
- Applies skills for employability, self-employment, and entrepreneurship relative to Christian vocation.

A CARING FAMILY MEMBER

- 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.

A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN

- 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.

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