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Celebrating Sacred Teachings

OCTOBER RESOURCES

Vision

Creating a culture of faith, hope and love
to ensure equity and well-being.

Mission

To accompany our students as we strive for excellence in Catholic Education.
We educate students in faith-filled, loving, safe, inclusive schools
to develop the God-given abilities of each person.



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October Resources

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Prayers / Reflections

Charity

"This is my commandment,
that you love one another
as I have loved you."

JOHN 15:12

CHARITY

Becoming Caring Family Members



Because I am
called to love, I
pray for my
family and
friends, and for
the entire world.
I try to be the
best I can be.

Understanding

I have been gifted with the
desire to search for God
everywhere in everyone.



Zaagidiwin – Love

I show love when I demonstrate
empathy and caring. Love must be
unconditional, and given freely to
those who are most in need of it.



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This month we celebrate the fruit of the Holy Spirit called Charity; the gift of the Holy Spirit of Understanding; the Grandfather Teaching of Love (Zaagi'idiwin/zah-gid-day-win/) and the Catholic Graduate Expectation of Becoming Caring Family Members.

Dear God,
Jesus asked us to love one another as He loved us.
Father help us to understand and love everybody in
our lives.
Amen.

Together we pray. Hail Mary, full of grace...

*The month of October is the month of the Rosary.
As we pray the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and
Glorious Mysteries, allow us to follow Mary's life
through the life of Jesus.*

Dear Lord,
Help us to take time to reflect on the different
mysteries of our faith when we pray the rosary. As
we remember Mary's life journey, allow us to be an
example for others with our own lives.
Amen.

God of Light,
May we always show pride in, and appreciation for,
our family members. Help us to express the care
and concern we truly have for one another.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Creator, open our hearts to peace and healing
between all people.
Creator, open our hearts to provide and protect for
all children of the earth.
Creator, open our hearts to respect for the earth and
all the gifts of the earth.
Creator, open our hearts to end exclusion, violence,
and fear among all.
Thank you for the gifts of this day and every day.
Amen.

Dear God,
We thank you for the gift of understanding, of being
able to see things from the other person's point of
view, and being able to see all aspects of a
question, and having an appreciation for cause and
effect. May we use this gift generously in all that we
do today and every day.
Amen.

Dear Lord,
Please help us to remember to give thanks for our
food, our homes and our families. Keep those who
are not so fortunate close to our hearts, so that we
remember to do what we can to help them.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.



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Dear Lord,
Thank you for blessing us with family. May we always know that our family cares about us and walks beside us. In times of need, please grant us the courage to lean on others and to be there for them. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Grandfather, Sacred one,
Teach us love, compassion and honour.
That we may heal the earth and heal each other.
Amen.

Dear Jesus,
Help us to understand what you mean when you tell us: "Blessed are the pure of heart for they will see God."
This we pray,
Amen.

Dear Lord,
Lead us and give us the strength we need to live our lives in charitable ways. Help us to put aside our own needs, so that we may seek to do Your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Dear God,
Today we pray for our family, friends and for the entire world. Please be with us all as we strive to be our best possible selves and live up to your call to love.
Amen.

Loving Creator,
We honour you and all that you have made.
Renew the whole world in the image of your love.
Give us what we need for today, and a hunger to see the whole world fed.
Strengthen us for what lies ahead; heal us from the hurts of the past; give us courage to follow your call in this moment.
For your love is the only power, the only home, the only honour we need, in this world and in the world to come.
Amen.

Dear God,
With the gift of understanding, we see how we need to live as a follower of Christ. A person with understanding is not confused by all the conflicting messages in our culture about the right way to live. Please help us to understand You.
Amen.





Dear God,
Thank you for the many graces and blessings you have placed in my life. I offer you my heartfelt gratitude for your countless gifts to me each day. Help me to be aware of the needs of others, and to respond to those who are poor and less fortunate with generous expressions of charity, kindness, and caring. We ask this through Your name, Amen.

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for our diverse families and our school community. Please be with us in our daily interactions, helping us to be together in a loving, compassionate and respectful manner. Amen.
Thank you grandfather sun for shining on us today. Thank you for this day.
Thank you Mother Earth who gives us life and food, who gives us water and animals, who gives us breath. Help me to have strength and a strong heart. Amen.

Holy Spirit,
Please help us with the gift of understanding. You inspire us to transform our world. Empower us to seek the good for all people. Give us a spirit of solidarity and make us one human family. Amen.

Jesus,
You are the light of the world. May Your light always shine upon us through our charitable work towards others and help us unfailingly remember that your light is with us forever. Help us bring the Gospel message to all that we meet through our words and actions. Amen.

God of all,
You have taught us that people from all walks of life, religions and cultures are our brothers and sisters. Be with us as we feed the hungry, free the oppressed and heal the sick. Help us to love one another as you have loved us and to live as one human family. Amen.

"It is love itself that brings us all together. This human family we are part of, this singular voice that is the accumulation of all voices raised together in praise of all Creation, this one heartbeat, this one drum, this one immaculate love that put us here together so that we could learn its primary teaching – that love is the energy of Creation, that it takes love to create love."

(EMBERS, 2016)

Creator,
Help us to love and to create love, Amen.



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Inspiring Images

**I
CARE!**



- ✚ I love **God**, **myself** and my **family**
- ✚ I care about and respect my **'family'** at **school**, at **Church**, in the **community**, and the **world**
- ✚ I care about and respect **God's creation** and everything in it

*Because I care, I pray for all my families,
and I will live my life like Jesus.*



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I SHOW *love*
WHEN I DEMONSTRATE
EMPATHY AND
CARING



Love is unconditional.



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LOVE



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Charity

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Understanding

I have been gifted with the desire to search for God everywhere in everyone.



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Becoming Caring Family Members

Because when I am called to love, I pray for my family and friends, and for the entire world. I try to be the best I can be.



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Catholic Graduate Expectation

A CARING FAMILY MEMBER



A Caring Family Member who:

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

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"Ask Jesus to help you become a good student, a true friend, and a loving son or daughter. Both your local parish and your Catholic school community are places to encounter Jesus, and to know him more deeply. He is a kind and wise teacher and a wonderful healer of your hurts, who will bring you peace and joy." (RTP, page 16)

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Grandfather Teaching

LOVE – ZAAGIDIWIN

Love is represented by the eagle because he has the strength to carry all the teachings. The eagle has the ability to fly highest and closest to the creator and also has the sight to see all the ways of being from great distances. The Eagle's teaching of love can be found in the core of all teachings, therefore an eagle feather is considered the highest honor and a sacred gift.

Eagles are loving parents and teachers to their offspring, protecting and guiding them.

To know love is to know peace.

Love must be unconditional.

View your inner-self from the perspective of all teachings. This is to know love and to love yourself truly. Then you will be at peace with yourself, the balance of life, all things and also with the creator.



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Prayer Service / Non Eucharistic Liturgy



Non Eucharistic Symbols

Crucifix: Symbol of injustice suffered by Jesus who was nailed to the cross and left to die. It reminds us to be charitable in our dealings with others.

Basket of Donations: Symbol of charity. Our donations of food, of clothes or of coins are for those people in the community that need the extra help.

Ball or Skipping Rope: Symbol of play. We learn first to be charitable to each other when we share our time with our friends in play.

Workbook: Symbol of work. We offer our work to God. We offer our works of charity to God.

Candle: To symbolize the eternal flame of God. He has sent His Son so that we may learn to be charitable to each other.



Opening Prayer Gathering

Dear Lord,

We gather today to celebrate Charity. We ask You to guide our actions and inspire us to do Your will at all times. O Lord, we wish to become more charitable through the example of Your Son Jesus Christ. We ask You this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



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Old Testament Reading

Micah 6.8

A reading from the book of Micah.

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112.9

The response is *"He gives generously to the needy and his kindness never fails."*

Light shines in the darkness for all people,
for those who are merciful, kind, and just.

Happy is the person who is generous,

A good person will never fail, they will always be remembered. *R*

We are not afraid of receiving bad news,
our faith is strong and we trust in the Lord.

He gives generously to the needy,
and his kindness never fails. *R*



Second Reading (Optional)

Romans 12.9-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*



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Gospel Reading **Luke 10.25-37**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 10.25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “you have given the right answer; do this and you will live.”

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.*



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Optional Activities

Chain of Paper Dolls: Bring forth a chain of paper dolls. The chain represents the unity that we all have as human beings. Have students write down a charitable action that they can do to help bring about more fraternal charity in their own life, class, school, community, or world.

Food, ClothiMoney: Bring forth some donated food, clothes or money collected to symbolize our intent to become more charitable towards our neighbour.



Closing Prayer

Dear Lord,
After listening to Your stories and sharing our ideas, we learned that charity is the foundation of Your Kingdom on earth. You sent Your only Son Jesus into our world so that we may become more charitable. Lead us and give us the strength we need to live our lives in charitable ways towards our neighbours. Help us to put aside our own needs, so that we may seek to do Your will always. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Possible Song Recommendations

Liturgical	Non-Liturgical
We Come to Your Table	We are the World ~ USA for Africa, or Haiti Relief
Companions on the Journey	Give a Little Big ~ Rodger Hodgson
	Heal the World ~ Michael Jackson
	Man in the Mirror ~ Michael Jackson
	Another Day in Paradise ~ Phil Collins
	Where is the Love ~ Black Eyed Peas
	What if ~ Charity





Universal Prayer

Response: *Lord of Charity, hear our prayer.*

✚ For our Holy Father on earth, the Pope, all the bishops and the clergy everywhere that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a stronger love and charity for others, we pray to the Lord. *R*

✚ For the priests of our Diocese, that they may continue to share their gifts with us, we pray to the Lord. *R*

✚ For those who work for peace in our world, that they may continue to do their charitable works, we pray to the Lord. *R*

✚ For our Prime Minister and all our leaders of government that they may be effective in achieving peace and eliminating poverty, we pray to the Lord. *R*

✚ For those who are sick, lonely, discouraged, or oppressed that they may be strengthened by God's help and aided by the love and charity of those surrounding them, let us prayer to the Lord. *R*

✚ For the students of our school, that their hearts continue to transform their actions into acts of charity, we pray to the Lord. *R*



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Quotes



"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." ~ Matthew 5.44



"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." ~ John 15.12



"And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."
~ 1 Corinthians 13.13



"Above all clothes yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." ~ Colossians 3.14



"But the aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith." ~ 1 Timothy 1.5



"For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." ~ 2 Peter 1.5-8



"Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards on the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatsoever gift each of you has received."
~ 1 Peter 4.8-10



"Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the friends, even though they are strangers to you; they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on in a manner worthy of God." ~ 3 John 1.5-6



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"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." ~ 1 Corinthians 13.4-7



"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words." ~ St. Francis of Assisi



"Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." ~ St. Francis of Assisi



"Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance."
~ St. Francis of Assisi



"Each of us has a soul, but we forget to value it. We don't remember that we are creatures made in the image of God. We don't understand the great secrets hidden inside of us." ~ St. Teresa of Avila



"Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul." ~ St. Teresa of Avila



"I understood that every flower created by Him is beautiful, that the brilliance of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not lessen the perfume of the violet or the sweet simplicity of the daisy. I understood that if all the lowly flowers wished to be roses, nature would no longer be enameled with lovely hues. And so it is in the world of souls, Our lord's living garden." ~ Thérèse de Lisieux



"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."
~ Thérèse de Lisieux

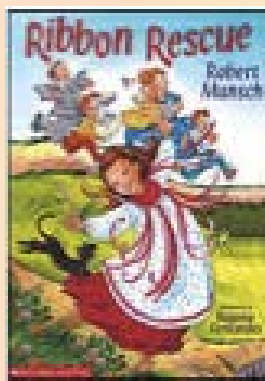
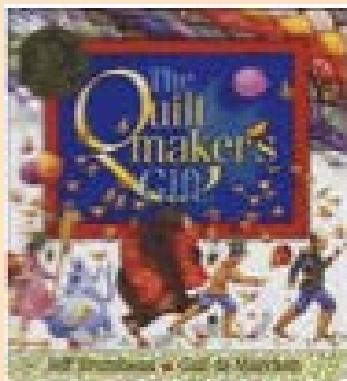
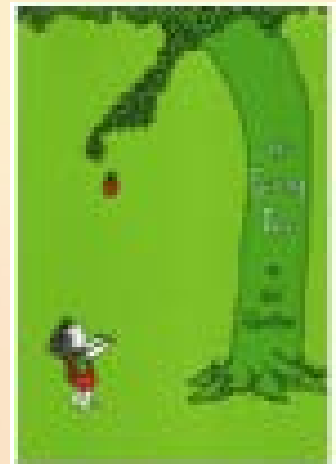


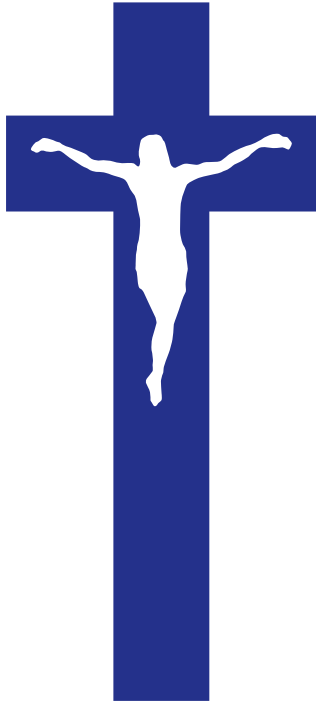
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Short Resource List

- ❖ The Giving Tree – Shel Silverstein (P/J)
- ❖ The Quiltmaker's Gift – Jeff Brumbeau (P/J)
- ❖ Ribbon Rescue – Robert Munsch (P/J)
- ❖ Horton Hears a Who – Seuss (P)
- ❖ Horton Hatches the Egg – Seuss (P)
- ❖ The Selfish Giant – Oscar Wilde (P/J/I)
- ❖ Something From Nothing – Phoebe Gilman (P/J/I)





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