

"Virtues to Live by"

"Our educational work should have a purpose: to elicit a change in our students, to make them grow in wisdom, to help them undergo a transformation, to provide them with knowledge, with new feelings and, at the same time, achievable ideals."

(Pope Francis 2013)

Autumn Term:

RESPECT AND COURTESY

Respect:

I am respectful. I treat others as I would like to be treated.

Courtesy:

I show courtesy to everyone as we are all made in God's image and likeness.

Blessing

The Creator has graced each one of us with a God given dignity let us give glory to God:

I thank you for the wonder of my being

We gather together to pray for ourselves – children of God beloved of the Father let us give glory to God:

I thank you for the wonder of my being

We gather together with Jesus our brother. Through Him the whole human race recovers the dignity of the image of God let us give glory to God:

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We gather together with the Holy Spirit, our inspiration and guide let us give glory to God:

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OPENING PRAYER:

God our Father, help each one of us to recognise and celebrate the uniqueness of every person we meet: each child, each colleague each parent, each person I encounter

Inspire each one of us, to develop understanding, tolerance and compassion for the pupils in our care.

May we support them in understanding their uniqueness as made in the image and likeness of God

May we support each other and all adults, whatever our roles and experiences, and may we always remain positive, enthusiastic and realistic in our work.

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**

READING:

God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be master of the fish in the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.

God created man in the image of himself,
in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them

Genesis 1:26-27

REFLECTION

The Dignity of the Human Person

"We believe each person possesses a basic dignity that comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment, not from race or gender, age or economic status." (The Common Good) 1996

LIVING OUR VIRTUE

Inspire each one of us that we may help our children to:

- Recognise everyone is made in the image of God
- Recognise everyone has the ability to be courteous and respectful
- Be receptive to the wisdom of others.
- Believe that, with encouragement, they will discern the situations that call for respect and courtesy.
- Recognise that courteousness is a way of showing your love.
- Recognise that, through prayer, God will give us the grace and strength to be respectful and courteous.

- Accept that there will be times it will be difficult to show respect and courteousness.
- Learn to be courteous and respectful even when it is difficult.

May we support our children in recognising opportunities for growth so that they can make the most of the opportunities life presents.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God our Father, may we reflect your image and likeness in our daily living so that those we encounter see and hear Christ. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. **Amen**

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