

Curriculum Connections

Learning Pathways: Achieving Excellence through the Catholic Virtues ...

About the program ...

Each month, Mother St. Bride School chooses a different Catholic virtue as the spotlight for its [learning pathway](#). Each pathway is focused on encouraging students to develop critical-thinking skills and an awareness of social issues, which support the development of their character. The pathway inquiries require students to engage in developing oral and written communication skills across different curriculum activities. Through meaningful mentor texts, discussions, activities and whole-school gatherings, students are given opportunities to develop their Catholic faith. These learning pathways have served as a strong foundation for making informed moral decisions and becoming persons of character and virtue.



Impact on student learning and school culture ...

- The pathway focus on Catholic virtues challenged students to think more critically, to feel more deeply and therefore to be motivated to respond more effectively.
- Students, parents and community members demonstrated caring through whole-school initiatives to support the marginalized and vulnerable members of society, both locally and globally. Examples of their actions included visits to the Gathering Place which provides hot lunches to the community, visits to our senior citizen centres, collecting food for local food banks and fundraising for local missionaries and the nearby high school's Costa Rica Orphanage Campaign.
- Whole-school monthly gatherings provided students with opportunities to share their excellent work, learn from each other and celebrate their positive influence on the lives of others experiencing less fortunate circumstances.

A Student Response ...

“I think the boys find it difficult to love each other for one reason. The reason is that they never took the time to know each other. I believe the world can be a completely loving place because great people exist, for example, Mother Theresa who helped the poor and the sick. Rosa Parks changed history, Martin Luther King Jr. inspired many people including me. Do you believe the world can be a better place?”

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