



# Catholic Virtue of the Month

## May - Responsibility

In our Catholic boards, we focus on virtues to reflect the values and teachings of Jesus Christ.

We celebrate a different virtue each month that resonates both with our Catholic tradition and with the Municipality of York's character attributes.

In May we reflect on the virtue of Responsibility.

### Ontario Catholic School Graduation Expectation:

- A caring family member.

#### ***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 family, and I will live my life like Jesus.*

### I Will Statements:

- I will honour my commitments to my family, school and community.
- I will be reliable so people can depend on me.
- I will be accountable for the things I say and do.

 York Catholic District School Board	
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# Catholic Education Week

May 5-11

## What is Catholic Education Week?

Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. Falling on May 5 - 11th this year, the theme for Catholic Education Week is "We are called to love." Along with this theme there are five sub-themes; As people of Hope, Faith, Mercy, Justice, and Joy.

This year's theme was inspired by many different aspects. One being the anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, proclaimed by Pope Francis as the "Pilgrims of Hope," infuses a spirit of optimism and renewal. As we eagerly await this special milestone, we are reminded of our collective responsibility to nurture hope and foster a brighter future for generations to come.

As we commemorate the fifth anniversary of Renewing the Promise, we celebrate the central tenet of Catholic education: love. Guided by Pope Francis' call to be "artisans of a new history" and "weavers of hope," we are reminded of the transformative power of love in shaping a more just and compassionate world.

The synodal theme, "Enlarge the Space of Your Tent," invites us to expand our capacity for love, to listen attentively, and to embrace one another with empathy and understanding. In doing so, we contribute to the healing of wounds and the strengthening of bonds within our community.

Pope Francis' recent visit to Canada served as a source of hope and inspiration, particularly in our ongoing journey towards Truth and Reconciliation. Through prayer, dialogue, and a steadfast commitment to love, we continue to build bridges of understanding and forge a path towards reconciliation and healing.

Catholic Education Week coincides with Mental Health Awareness Week, the theme of love highlights the importance of supporting one another's well-being with compassion and empathy. Recognizing that God is love, we are called to extend care and kindness to all members of our community, especially those facing mental health challenges.

In our ongoing efforts to promote Equity and Inclusion in Catholic schools, the theme of love serves as a guiding principle, reminding us that every individual is cherished and valued in the eyes of God. Embracing diversity and fostering an inclusive environment, we strive to create a community where all God's children feel welcomed.

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