

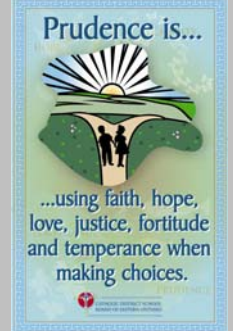
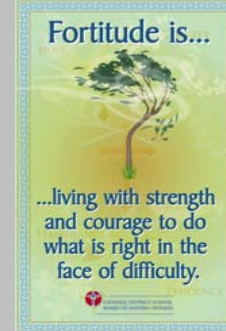
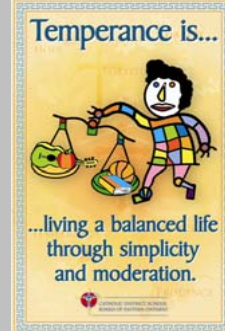
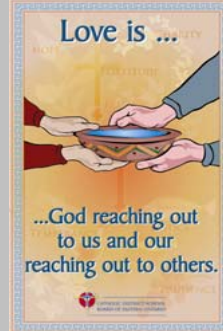
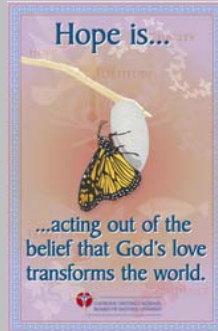
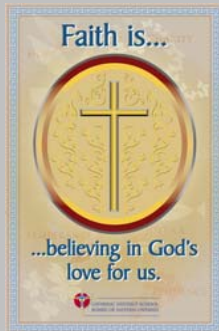
Character and Virtues: We Walk in Good Company ...

About the program ...

[We Walk in Good Company](#) is a two-year Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario theme which highlights the three theological virtues (faith, hope and love) and the four cardinal virtues (justice, fortitude, temperance and prudence). It provides a launching point for activities framed in the context of Virtues Education. For example, “Dream Out Loud! Just Us Youth Day” brings Grade 10 students together and engages them in issues around social justice and Catholic social teaching. A keynote speaker presents issues in a meaningful and relevant way for all students and workshops are offered on issues of social justice. The board also offers annual Third World Exposure Trips to Mexico and the Dominican Republic during March Break to provide further opportunities for student learning.

Impact on student learning and school culture ...

- Students learn to recognize the virtues and use virtues language in addition to learning about people of virtue in Christian faith history.
- Special events highlight the virtues and engage students. Each school has received a comprehensive resource developed by the board entitled *We Walk in Good Company*. All schools also received a new theme banner, seven large virtues posters in both English and French and prayer cards.
- Parents are engaged in the initiative through the “Becoming People of Virtue” family resource which articulates the seven virtues and concrete ways to implement them in the family/household context.
- This practice shows how schools working in partnership with homes can positively impact student learning.



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