

Curriculum Connections

Social Justice through Literacy Learning ...

About the program ...

Teacher resource books and mentor texts were purchased for each elementary school in the board. A series of Social Justice workshops was held for teachers to learn how to use the new materials to promote literacy and the attitudes and values that form the base of Catholic Social Teaching. Materials and stories were used in many schools throughout the board.

Resource List ...

To Love Tenderly: Introducing Children to Compassion and Justice through Stories and Activities (ages 5-9)

ISBN 978158955108

To Walk Humbly: Teaching Compassion and Justice through Stories and Activities (ages 10-13) ISBN

9781585956166

Four Feet, Two Sandals ISBN 9780802852960

Gervellie's Journey: A Refugee Diary ISBN 97818435076528

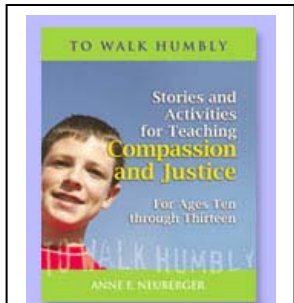
Instructional sample: Teaching strategy for understanding the difference between charity and justice ...

Use a closed-sort activity to create situations in which students understand the difference between charity and justice by assigning a variety of examples of activities to each. In discussing the examples, students are asked to challenge/confirm their peers' opinions as the difference between the two may often be viewed as a continuum.

e.g., **Charity**: the practice of love to alleviate an immediate need, such as volunteering to work in a soup kitchen vs. **Justice**: love practised in more complex situations with the goal of changing rules, laws and/or social systems to make living conditions more fair and equitable, such as providing low-interest business loans to women in Africa.

Impact on student learning and school culture ...

- High-yield strategies using the materials and stories helped to improve students' literacy skills.
- Teachers were excited to use the new materials and students were empowered to make a difference in the world.
- Staff and students acquired a greater awareness of Catholic Social Teachings and strengthened their commitment to social justice initiatives.



Solidarity

The world's peoples are interdependent. We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic or ideological differences. Learning to practice the virtue of solidarity means learning to follow the Golden Rule and love our neighbour, no matter what our differences.

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