Curriculum Connections

Religion and Family Life Virtues: Kindergarten to Grade 12 …

About the program …

Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board's Our Journey to Holiness initiative brought together JK– Grade 12 teachers to identify a virtue, theme and statement of belief for each grade derived from Religion programs and grounded in the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. Secondary Art students then illustrated the identified virtues for each grade from the viewpoint of students at each grade level, creating posters for every classroom and school. In keeping with the board's motto "Learning Together in Faith and Service," teachers have included activities about virtues and themes in their daily teaching practises. Classroom learning has been extended to the community as students send Christmas cards to local nursing homes, participate in a Coats for Kids drive and work on environmental cleanup campaigns. Students who exemplify key virtues through the initiative are recognized and honoured at an annual board-wide awards ceremony.

Impact on student learning and school culture …

- Students exemplify the board motto of learning together through service as they live out their call to holiness in the community through their various initiatives.
- Secondary students engage in authentic discussion and reflection through the illustration of the virtues posters that are displayed throughout the board as a visible marker of Our Journey to Holiness.
- Board, school and classroom priorities are aligned and sequential as the virtues identified for each grade build upon one another.

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