

## Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations

The graduate is expected to be:

**A Discerning Believer Formed in the Catholic Faith Community** who

**CGE1a** -illustrates a basic understanding of the **saving story** of our Christian faith;

**CGE1b** -participates in the **sacramental life** of the church and demonstrates an understanding of the centrality of the Eucharist to our Catholic story;

**CGE1c** -actively reflects on **God's Word** as communicated through the Hebrew and Christian scriptures;

**CGE1d** -develops attitudes and values founded on Catholic **social teaching** and acts to

promote social responsibility, human solidarity and the common good;

**CGE1e** -speaks the **language of life**... "recognizing that life is an unearned gift and that a

person entrusted with life does not own it but that one is called to protect and cherish

It." (Witnesses to Faith)

**CGE1f** -seeks intimacy with God and celebrates **communion** with God, others and creation

through prayer and worship;

**CGE1g** -understands that one's purpose or **call in life** comes from God and strives to discern

and live out this call throughout life's journey;

**CGE1h** -respects the **faith traditions**, world religions and the life-journeys **of all people of good will**;

**CGE1i** -integrates faith with life;

**CGE1j** -recognizes that "sin, human weakness, conflict and forgiveness are part of the human

journey" and that the cross, the ultimate sign of forgiveness is at the heart of **redemption**.

(Witnesses to Faith)

**An Effective Communicator** who

**CGE2a** -listens actively and critically to understand and learn in light of gospel values;

**CGE2b** -reads, understands and uses written materials effectively;

**CGE2c** -presents information and ideas clearly and honestly and with sensitivity to others;

**CGE2d** -writes and speaks fluently one or both of Canada's official languages;

**CGE2e** -uses and integrates the Catholic faith tradition, in the critical analysis of the arts,

media, technology and information systems to enhance the quality of life.

### **A Reflective and Creative Thinker who**

**CGE3a** -recognizes there is more grace in our world than sin and that hope is essential in

facing all challenges;

**CGE3b** -creates, adapts, evaluates new ideas in light of the common good;

**CGE3c** -thinks reflectively and creatively to evaluate situations and solve problems;

**CGE3d** -makes decisions in light of gospel values with an informed moral conscience;

**CGE3e** -adopts a holistic approach to life by integrating learning from various subject areas

and experience;

**CGE3f** -examines, evaluates and applies knowledge of interdependent systems (physical,

political, ethical, socio-economic and ecological) for the development of a just and

compassionate society.

### **A Self-Directed, Responsible, Life Long Learner who**

**CGE4a** -demonstrates a confident and positive sense of self and respect for the dignity and

welfare of others;

**CGE4b** -demonstrates flexibility and adaptability;

**CGE4c** -takes initiative and demonstrates Christian leadership;

**CGE4d** -responds to, manages and constructively influences change in a discerning manner;

**CGE4e** -sets appropriate goals and priorities in school, work and personal life;

**CGE4f** -applies effective communication, decision-making, problem-solving, time and resource management skills;

**CGE4g** -examines and reflects on one's personal values, abilities and aspirations influencing

life's choices and opportunities;

**CGE4h** -participates in leisure and fitness activities for a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

### **A Collaborative Contributor who**

**CGE5a** -works effectively as an interdependent team member;

**CGE5b** -thinks critically about the meaning and purpose of work;

**CGE5c** -develops one's God-given potential and makes a meaningful contribution to society;

**CGE5d** -finds meaning, dignity, fulfillment and vocation in work which contributes to the

common good;

**CGE5e** -respects the rights, responsibilities and contributions of self and others;

**CGE5f** -exercises Christian leadership in the achievement of individual and group goals;

**CGE5g** -achieves excellence, originality, and integrity in one's own work and supports these

qualities in the work of others;

**CGE5h** -applies skills for employability, self-employment and entrepreneurship relative to

Christian vocation.

### **A Caring Family Member who**

**CGE6a** -relates to family members in a loving, compassionate and respectful manner;

**CGE6b** -recognizes human intimacy and sexuality as God given gifts, to be used as the creator

intended;

**CGE6c** -values and honours the important role of the family in society;

**CGE6d** -values and nurtures opportunities for family prayer;

**CGE6e** -ministers to the family, school, parish, and wider community through service.

### **A Responsible Citizen who**

**CGE7a** -acts morally and legally as a person formed in Catholic traditions;

**CGE7b** -accepts accountability for one's own actions;

**CGE7c** -seeks and grants forgiveness;

**CGE7d** -promotes the sacredness of life;

**CGE7e** -witnesses Catholic social teaching by promoting equality, democracy, and solidarity

for a just, peaceful and compassionate society;

**CGE7f** -respects and affirms the diversity and interdependence of the world's peoples and

cultures;

**CGE7g** -respects and understands the history, cultural heritage and pluralism of today's contemporary society;

**CGE7h** -exercises the rights and responsibilities of Canadian citizenship;

**CGE7i** -respects the environment and uses resources wisely;

**CGE7j** -contributes to the common good