



50 Core Values Statements of Catholic Education

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TRUTH

- T1.1** The norm of all truth comes from God. God is the Truth.
- T1.2** Through God's revelation — The Bible — and natural knowledge discovered from natural reason, man comes to know God (i.e. The Truth).
- T1.3** Truth means knowing and thinking corresponds with reality. Man knows only part of the truth but God knows the whole truth as he is omniscience. He is the Truth.
- T1.4** Truth is at the same time goodness. It guides people to have proper moral judgment. The voice of conscience is a concrete expression of truth in human's heart, calling him to do good and avoid evil. However, conscience needs to be educated.
- T1.5** God has given man the desire to search for truth and the ability to discern good from evil.
- T2.1** Upholding truth is a virtue. We should be faithful to truth, be what one professes, and avoid pretense, hypocrisy and not telling the truth.
- T2.2** We should practise love in truth. The act of love is to fulfill the truth.
- T2.3** We have the responsibility to know the truth, in particular the source of all truth — God himself, and to take the truth as the principle of our words and deeds.
- T2.4** The most important truth is to rebuild a perfect communion with God to all men: the Father created the world, the Son redeemed the world and the Holy Spirit sanctified the world.
- T2.5** Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. We follow him, seek the truth, walk towards God and receive salvation.

JUSTICE

- J1.1** Justice is an attribute of God. Human beings should follow the natural law set by God and live a life in justice.
- J1.2** Justice is giving one's due to God and man. It is a harmonious relationship bring forth by mutual respect.
- J1.3** When man rightly expresses his relationship with God, it is justice and that is a virtue of piety.
- J1.4** Justice means all men are equally and justly treated. Justice is the foundation and starting point of practising charity.
- J1.5** A just society is constructed for the common good by all members united together, regardless of differences in religion, culture, social strata identity, age etc..
- J2.1** Man should live according to social law which is drawn up from the natural law.
- J2.2** The law of justice is to guarantee human rights and freedom, including freedom of religion.
- J2.3** Every person should practise justice. When it becomes a habit, it is the virtue of justice.
- J2.4** The governments and social groups have the duty to abide by "distributive justice".
- J2.5** The economic activities of a society are to put into practice the "commutative justice".

LOVE

- L1.1** Love is the nature of God. God is love. In love God created man and all things. He shares his love with man. Love comes from God.
- L1.2** Love is the commandment of God and it is the greatest virtue. The fruits of love are joy, peace and mercy.
- L1.3** When men experience the great love of God, they should respond to that great love. Naturally they will love God and the earth he created.
- L1.4** In the Bible, there is a matchless description of love. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)
- L2.1** Imitate Jesus to return his love for the love of the Father: submitting himself to the Father's will to manifest His boundless love.
- L2.2** Imitate the love of Jesus for man: he loves with life, even sacrificing for sinners.
- L2.3** Imitate the love of Jesus for man: helping the needy, particularly the discarded, rejected, and forgotten ones.
- L2.4** Imitate the love of Jesus for man: love those who offend us and pray for our adversaries.
- L2.5** Imitate the love of Jesus for man: he loves all man, regardless of race, religion or wealth. He never gives up on anyone.
- L2.6** When there is love in families, schools and societies, we grow in love, learn to love, so that we can journey toward goodness, and the society can advance towards harmony.

LIFE

- Lf1.1** God alone is the Lord of the universe and life. The goodness, wonder and awesome of life comes from the wisdom and creation of God.
- Lf1.2** Life is a gift. Life begins at the moment of conception. It is good and sacred. Life should be respected and protected.
- Lf1.3** The right of life is with God. He alone is in charge of man's life.
- Lf1.4** God gave man life to live to the full.
- Lf1.5** The final destiny of life is to enter heaven, and to be with God forever.
- Lf2.1** We should respect life and protect the dignity of man. No one can destroy an innocent human being.
- Lf2.2** To protect human life and respect human dignity, we should cherish life, protect it, raise the quality of life and cultivate a healthy body and mind.
- Lf2.3** We should imitate Jesus, who through suffering and death, entered into resurrection and eternal life. When man faces suffering, life becomes more meaningful.
- Lf2.4** We should imitate Jesus who, through suffering and death, entered into resurrection and eternal life. He laid down his life for a just cause.
- Lf2.5** We live in the spirit of the Beatitudes to pursue a life of abundance.

FAMILY

- F1.1** The family is the first community of mankind. God wishes man to grow in communities.
- F1.2** The family is a community of love. A man and a woman united in marriage, together with their children, form a family.
- F1.3** Marriage is sacred. What God has joined together, let no man separate.
- F1.4** A family is a place where the couple transmits human life in love, continuing the creation of God.
- F1.5** The family is the core of a society. Through the family, man lives and grows in love and participates in building wider communities, including schools, home communities, societies, nations and the world under the will of God.
- F1.6** Through selfless love and care among family members which is irreplaceable, one can experience human dignity.
- F1.7** The family is the first school. Parents should educate their children the values of Jesus by giving good examples from their words and deeds.
- F2.1** The society has the responsibility to promote the welfare of all families and support families in difficulties to ensure their missions to be fulfilled.
- F2.2** Husband and wife should be faithful to each other, and learn together to help each other to accomplish their mission.
- F2.3** In a family, children should honour their parents and parents cherish and educate their children. Between them, there should be mutual respect.