

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