



THE 5 MARKS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY

Division
Newsletter



This month - Mark 1: An excellent Catholic school is grounded in a Christian anthropology.

In our schools we:

- Believe that each person is created in the image of God
- Know that each person has an eternal destiny
- Embrace the dignity of all
- Recognize and celebrate the gifts and talents of others
- Allocate resources to support and enhance the well being and the physical, emotional, academic and spiritual development of staff and students



Christ the King School

We recognize and celebrate the gifts and talents of all of His works as we work towards the beauty of Creation. In creation and grace, we heal and grow in Him.

Lauren Jackson (gr. 11) created this acrylic painting with resin overlay with reference to the symbolism of the strength of the Koi. It's amazing to think of how that connects to the notion of being "fishers of men," and the Sermon on the Mount.

The tears and stitches represent some of the trials and struggles she has faced and we find in our humanity, as well as the healing that puts us back together. In prayer and communion with creation, can we not feel such a thread that binds us together as one body again?

Because we are all His works, and we are all "in progress," we know in our heart of hearts that in time the finished composition will be framed in His gallery.

- Margaret Currie, Art & Design Teacher

École Mother d'Youville School

In grade 6, we recognize and celebrate our gifts. We brainstormed things we were blessed with such as aspects of our personalities, personal interests, and talents that we can use to serve and teach others!

- Heather Frederick, Grade 6 Teacher

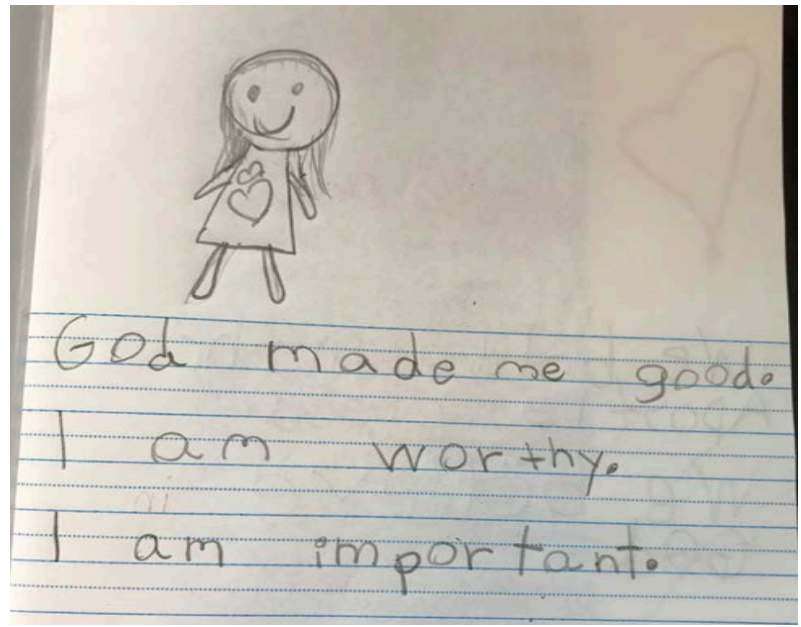


Father Leduc Catholic School

At Father Leduc, we believe that each person is created in the image of God and has an eternal destiny. In the first picture, we have a student in grade 5 reading our Father Leduc Prayer Book that we just completed with Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Goulding. In the second picture, we have our Grade one student enjoying a story with Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Pawlyk during break time.

- Darren Schneider, Vice Principal





Father Leduc Catholic School

At Father Leduc School, we believe that all students learn at high levels surrounded by Christ's love. In order to help students succeed, our staff go above and beyond to recognize the dignity and worth of all who attend our school.

Like our Division statement that is displayed proudly at the front of our school, we work hard to create an environment where students can find joy and love in their learning while connecting with their faith. Our staff work with some of our most exceptional students, providing one-on-one support that meets their academic needs while nurturing their soul. As we work to build our students up, we continue to recognize that, together with our students, we are souls seeking Christ spreading God's love in everything we do.

- Catherine Lamer, Grade 2 Teacher



"And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit."

- 2 Corinthians 3:18



Father Leduc Catholic School

At Father Leduc Catholic School, we embrace the dignity of all our staff and students, and encourage them to use their gifts and talents to be contributors in God's created world. In the image above, you see the artwork from one of our grade 8 students (Kelsey Pagamocan), which was done for a Religion project. This picture demonstrates how, when we allow the Holy Spirit to work through us, we are able to model the love of the most Holy Trinity and build solidarity in our communities. When solidarity is present, everyone's needs are looked after and an environment of support is established where the emotional, physical, academic, and spiritual development of ALL are able to thrive.

- James Sangster, Teacher/Youth Minister

St. Augustine School

In a random and secret act, some classes at St. Augustine School created and placed these dozens of hearts around both buildings to remind us of Psalm 139:14 - *"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful and I know that full well."*

As part of a Youth Ministry project, St. Augustine School's Youth Minister, Glen Kawahara, has sent each student in grades 7 through 12 a mailed letter passing along a message of faith, hope, kindness, and resiliency.

Grade 3M spent time reading, discussing, and creating the symbols of faithful fishers: *"And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" - Matthew 4:19.*

Mr. McLaughlin uses universal design creating creative and engaging multidisciplinary activities (Religion, Language Arts, Art) to bring to life words and actions of the Gospel.

- Kari Davidson, Acting Principal

