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Through your education at St. Mary's College Preparatory High School, you are being called to proclaim and live the following Gospel values which flow from the life and words of Jesus Christ, who came to reveal and proclaim the Gospel message of human dignity, solidarity, justice and peace.

Gospel Values:

The Sanctity of Life

The Importance of Family and Community

Human Rights and our Responsibilities

The Preferential Option for the Poor

The Dignity of Work

Solidarity

Care for God's Creation

1. *The Sanctity of Life*

Our belief in the sanctity of life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of Jesus' Gospel message. All people are created in the image of God: the unborn; the old and the young; the hungry and the homeless; the disabled; prisoners and foreigners; the sick and the poor; all men and women.

All offenses against life itself, such as murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia and willful suicide; all violations of the integrity of the human person militate against the honor of our God and Creator.

Gadium et spes
Second Vatican Council

God our Father, help us to respect, protect, love and serve every human life.
Amen.

Pope John Paul II

*How are you being called to proclaim
and live the sanctity of life?*

2. *The Importance of Family and Community*

We are relational beings. We realize our dignity and human potential in our families and communities.

“Every human being has a need and a right to be loved, to have a home where he or she can put down roots and grow. The family is the first and indispensable community in which need is met. Today, when productivity, prestige or even physical attractiveness are regarded as the gauge of personal worth, the family has a special vocation to be a place where people are loved not for what they do or what they have, but simply because they are.”

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, give us the wisdom to understand that we are being called to loving relationships as you are Father, Son and Spirit united by love in one God. Amen.

*How are you being called to promote belonging,
inclusion and loving relationships?*

3. The Importance of Human Rights and Our Responsibilities

Implicit in Jesus' Gospel message is the understanding that there are rights that we claim on people in society, so we can live a full human life. We do not have to earn rights, they are due to us because we are made in God's image.

The right to life is fundamental and includes a right to food, clothing, shelter, education, medical care and essential social services.

Pope John XXIII

Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not come yet. We have only today. Send us your Holy Spirit so that we may live committed to the understanding that the human rights of each person are balanced by a responsibility to respect the rights of all other people. Amen.

Mother Teresa

How are you being called to proclaim and promote the rights of other people for the common good?

4. The Preferential Option for the Poor

Jesus identified Himself with the poor and the vulnerable. He sought them out. Giving priority concern to the poor strengthens the health of the whole society. The poor have the first claim on our personal and social resources – on our conscience.

When I was hungry, sick, homeless, in prison, a stranger, poor in spirit, you comforted Me.

Matthew 25

God our Father, give us the wisdom to understand that the mystery of the poor is this: that they are Jesus, and what you do for them you do for Him. It is the only way we have of knowing and believing in our love. The mystery of poverty is that by sharing in it, making ourselves poor in giving to others, we increase our knowledge of and belief in love. Amen.

Dorothy Day

How are you being called to proclaim and live your commitment to the poor whoever and wherever they may be as you live your life?

5. *The Dignity of Work*

The Word of God's revelation is profoundly marked by the fundamental truth the men and women, created in the image of God, share by their work in the activity of the Creator.

Pope John Paul II

Saint Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, obtain for us the grace to work in the Spirit of Penance in expiation of our sins; to work conscientiously by placing love of duty above our selfish inclinations; to gratefully and joyously deem it an honor to employ and to develop by labor the gifts that we have received from God. Amen.

Pope Pius X

How are you being called to recognize, discern, develop and use the gifts that God has given you to take care of other human beings?

6. *Solidarity – We Are One Human Family*

We are one family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences. The “universal” common good reaches beyond our nation's borders to the global community. Solidarity recognizes that the fates of the people of the earth are linked.

I have a dream that one day all of God's children will be able to join hands – a firm determination to respect other peoples and their dignity as well as the studied practice of brotherhood. These are absolutely necessary for the establishment of peace. For it is in each other that we will find our shelter.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

God our Father, we pray that all people of the earth will freely and trustingly share their inner spirits and talents given to them as a manifestation of your Holy Spirit for the common good. Amen

St. Paul

Knowing that our final destiny is beyond this world, how are we being called to live as pilgrims sharing a journey to that final destiny?

7. Care for God's Creation

Good stewardship of the earth and all of its creatures demands that we must live in harmony with all of God's creatures. Whatever we do to the earth, we ultimately do to ourselves.

At its core, the environmental crisis is a moral challenge. It calls us to examine how we use and share the goods of the earth, what we pass on to future generations, and how we live in harmony with God's creation. Simplicity, moderation, discipline, as well as a spirit of sacrifice must become a part of everyday life, lest all suffer the negative ecological consequences of careless environmental habits.

Pope John Paul II

BE PRAISED, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him. And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor! Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

BE PRAISED, my Lord, though Sister Moon and the stars; in the heavens you have made them precious and beautiful.

BE PRAISED, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, and clouds and storms, and all the weather, through which you give your creatures sustenance.

BE PRAISED, my Lord, through Sister Water; she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure.

BE PRAISED, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you brighten the night. He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and strong.

BE PRAISED, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth, who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks, and serve him with great humility. Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi

How are you being called to live simply so that others may simply live?

Curriculum College

9th Grade

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Ms. Maria Gorycki
Mr. Joseph Klement
Mr. Dennis McDermott
Mrs. Mary Prunty
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Mr. Paul Lindner
Mrs. Linda Lipani
Mr. Dan Mongelluzzo
Ms. Jennifer O'Reilly
Mrs. Diane Papa
Mrs. Ellen Pelzer
Mrs. Edythe Phelan
Mrs. Cheryl Prochilo
Ms. Anne Tomlinson

11th Grade

Ms. Dorthy Burgdorf
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Mrs. Anita Didora
Mr. Joe Ilnitzki
Mr. Anthony Mangiacapre
Mr. Dennis McDermott
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Mr. Paul Nussbaum
Ms. Christine Prete
Ms. Angella Saavedra
Ms. Donna Washburn

12th Grade

Mr. Vincent Bownes
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AFG Master Project List

<i>Subject</i>	<i>9th Grade</i>	<i>10th Grade</i>	<i>11th Grade</i>
English	Walk in My Shoes (<i>Tolerance</i>)	Virtual Field Trip (<i>Solidarity</i>)	Black Poetry (<i>Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers</i>)
Social Studies	World Belief Systems (<i>Dignity of Human Person</i>)	Justice and Human Rights (<i>Solidarity</i>)	Civil Rights Movement (<i>Rights and Responsibilities</i>)
Foreign Language	Who am I? I give Thanks for ... (<i>Dignity of Human Person</i>)	What would it be like to attend school in a foreign speaking country? (<i>Solidarity</i>)	What are our rights are responsibilities in our community (<i>Rights and Responsibilities</i>)
Math	Introspection – Use of Time (<i>Tolerance</i>)	Global Warming Statistics (<i>Solidarity</i>)	Scatter Plot for Civil Rights (<i>Rights and Responsibilities</i>)
Science	Habitat Degradation (<i>Care of God's Creation</i>)	Food Irradiation Recycle Reuse Renew (<i>Care of God's Creation</i>)	Human Bio: Availability of Health Care Physics: Alternative Energy (<i>Rights and Responsibilities</i>)
Religion	Action Choices (<i>Dignity of Human Person</i>)	Blessed are the Peacemakers (<i>Peace and Disarmament</i>)	World Issues of Injustice (<i>Rights and Responsibilities</i>)
P.E. /Health	Cooperative Games (<i>Solidarity</i>)	Feeding the World (<i>Solidarity / Peace and Disarmament</i>)	Heritage and Sports (<i>Common Good</i>)
Fine Arts	Music Around the World (<i>Tolerance</i>) Impressions (<i>Tolerance</i>)	Music Around the World (<i>Solidarity</i>) The Power of Art (<i>Peace and Disarmament</i>)	Impressionism (<i>Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers</i>)