

## Award Criteria – Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations

### **An effective communicator**

- Listens actively and critically to understand and learn in light of gospel values.
- Reads, understands and uses written materials effectively.
- Presents information and ideas clearly and honestly and with sensitivity to others.
- Writes and speaks fluently one or both of Canada's official languages.
- 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, creative and holistic thinker**

- Recognizes there is more grace in our world than sin and that hope is essential in facing all challenges.
- Creates, adapts, evaluates new ideas in light of the common good.
- Thinks reflectively and creatively to evaluate situations and solve problems.
- Makes decisions in light of gospel values with an informed moral conscience.
- Adopts a holistic approach to life by integrating learning from various subject areas and experience.
- 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**

- Demonstrates a confident and positive sense of self and respect for dignity and welfare of others.
- Demonstrates flexibility and adaptability.
- Takes initiative and demonstrates Christian leadership.
- Responds to, manages and constructively influences change in a discerning manner.
- Sets appropriate goals and priorities in school, work and personal life.
- Applies effective communication, decision-making, problem-solving, time and resource management skills.
- Examines and reflects on one's personal values, abilities and aspirations influencing life's choices and opportunities.
- Participates in leisure and fitness activities for a balanced healthy lifestyle.

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### **A collaborative contributor**

- Works effectively as an interdependent team member.
- Thinks critically about the meaning and purpose of work.
- Develops one's God-given potential and makes a meaningful contribution to society.
- Finds meaning, dignity, fulfillment and vocation in work which contributes to the common good.
- Respects the rights, responsibilities and contributions of self and others.
- Exercises Christian leadership in the achievement of individual and group goals.
- Achieves excellence, originality, and integrity in one's own work and supports these qualities in the work of others.
- Applies skills for employability, self-employment and entrepreneurship relative to Christian vocation.

### **A caring family member**

- Relates to family members in a loving, compassionate and respectful manner.
- Recognizes human intimacy and sexuality as God-given gifts, to be used as the Creator intended.
- Values and honours the important role of the family in society.
- Values and nurtures opportunities for family prayer.
- Ministers to the family, school, parish and wider community through service.

### **A responsible citizen who gives witness to Catholic social teaching**

- Acts morally and legally as a person formed in Catholic traditions.
- Accepts accountability for one's own actions.
- Seeks and grants forgiveness.
- Promotes the sacredness of life.
- Witnesses Catholic social teaching by promoting equality, democracy, and solidarity for a just, peaceful and compassionate society.
- Respects and affirms the diversity and interdependence of the world's peoples and cultures.