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Gospel Values at LFS

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<http://www.sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au/gospelvalues.htm>;

<http://www.nzceo.catholic.org.nz/media/resources/publications/schools-values-virtues.pdf>;

<http://ocsb.ca/board/administration/departments/religious-education/catholic-character-formation>]

By proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, Little Flower Catholic Elementary School staff teach and model Gospel values with virtuous examples. The Gospel of Jesus Christ, as expressed in scripture and Church tradition, provides direction, motivation and spiritual depth to these values. The virtues used as examples at LFS express the Catholic values that we seek to integrate throughout all areas of curriculum and school life.

Values are internalized sets of beliefs or principles of behavior.

Virtues are qualities of moral goodness or excellence. Many virtues can be derived from universally accepted principles or values. To be effective, they need to be nurtured and practiced so that individuals live by them, not merely believe in them.

LFS promotes both human and spiritual values and virtues, so that our students and all in the school community can see that their ultimate purpose is to develop these qualities within themselves. LFS seeks to transform each student of virtue into a person of Christ.

"Values are not taught, but caught and practiced."

1. **Love** We believe we are loved by God and created in His image. He calls us into His life and invites us to respond in love. A Christ-like love accepts and respects the talent and uniqueness of each person, and ourselves at Little Flower School.
2. **Faith** We believe that Faith, being a gift from God, is a trusting personal relationship with Him. It helps us to accept and to do His will in the world.
3. **Hope** We believe that Hope is sharing in the new life of the Risen Christ, now and in eternal life.
4. **Truth** We believe that Truth is found in its fullness in Christ and we reflect this by imitating His truth in our lives, words and actions.
5. **Joy** We believe Joy lies in the knowledge and experience of God's love given to us at every moment in our lives.
6. **Prayer** We believe that Prayer is an expression of God's relationship with us and our response to Him in openness and trust.
7. **Mission** We believe that Mission is to witness to the life of Christ, who by His example, showed us what true service to others means.
8. **Justice** We believe that Justice requires an awareness of inequalities around us, and a conscious choice to strive for what is right, which is based on the Beatitudes.
9. **Peace** We believe that Peace is living in harmony with ourselves and others. It develops an inner freedom and desire for reconciliation with God and all mankind.
10. **Mercy** We believe that Mercy is shown through our acts and words of compassion, forgiveness, reconciliation and healing.
11. **Community** We believe Community is a people sharing common interest and beliefs, living in unity with the Spirit, as disciples of Jesus.

Little Flower School believes these values are important in helping children to realize their full Christian potential. It is understood when fostering values in children that the school and classroom processes and practices need to express and model these values. However, LFS also understands the unique role parents play as the first and usually most influential teachers of their children. Consequently we again ask parents, parishioners and other LFS members to assist in this. We need to be obviously and unashamedly Catholic--knowing what we stand for-- living what we stand for. LFS is proud to work with parents and others to help our children to learn to display our Catholic identity--living it out & celebrating it.

+++++**Additional Information** for you to know +++++

+++Sept. 22 First day of fall

+++Sept. 23 School pictures by Misti

+++Sept. 24 PTO meeting Wednesday, 5:30PM in the Music Room

+++Sept. 24 Mid Term

+++Sept. 26 Rugby Home Coming, if your child is riding on a float, you will need a permission slip turned into the office. Thank you