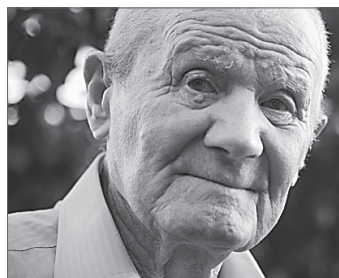


October is

RESPECT LIFE MONTH IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



7 Social Teachings

The Church has 7 Social Teachings which means it *“is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.”*

The first and most important social teaching is that each human being in this world has a right to LIFE and to live with DIGNITY.

We value all humans, everywhere from the moment the mom is pregnant to the moment the person takes a last breath. Every person has a right to live life to the fullest way possible and the Catholic Church works hard to protect that right.

Dignity of the Human Person

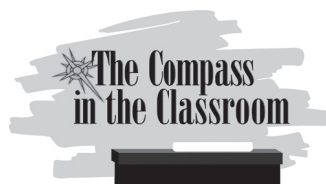
We will concentrate this month on the Dignity of the human person.

What does Dignity Mean? It means that each person should be seen as having value and deserves respect because we were all created by God.

Dignity is understanding that we all have our differences. God loves each and every one of us the same. We should be like God and love everyone around us.

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave us a great commandment: (John 13: 34-35)

“... love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”





SHOWING OTHERS *Dignity*

ACTIVITY #1

How can we show one another dignity?

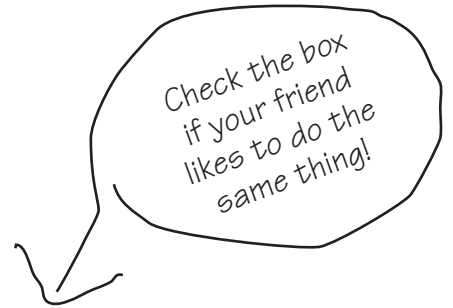
One way is to find out about a classmate and discover things you have in common and things you like that are different.

- Write ten things you like to do in the summertime.

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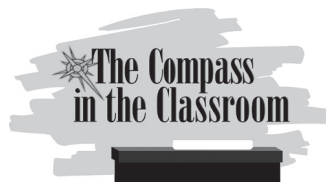
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- Share your list with a partner.
- What are some things you both liked the same?
- What are some things you like to do that are different?
- Pick one of the things you have that are different and each take a turn explaining to the other why you like doing this activity in summer.

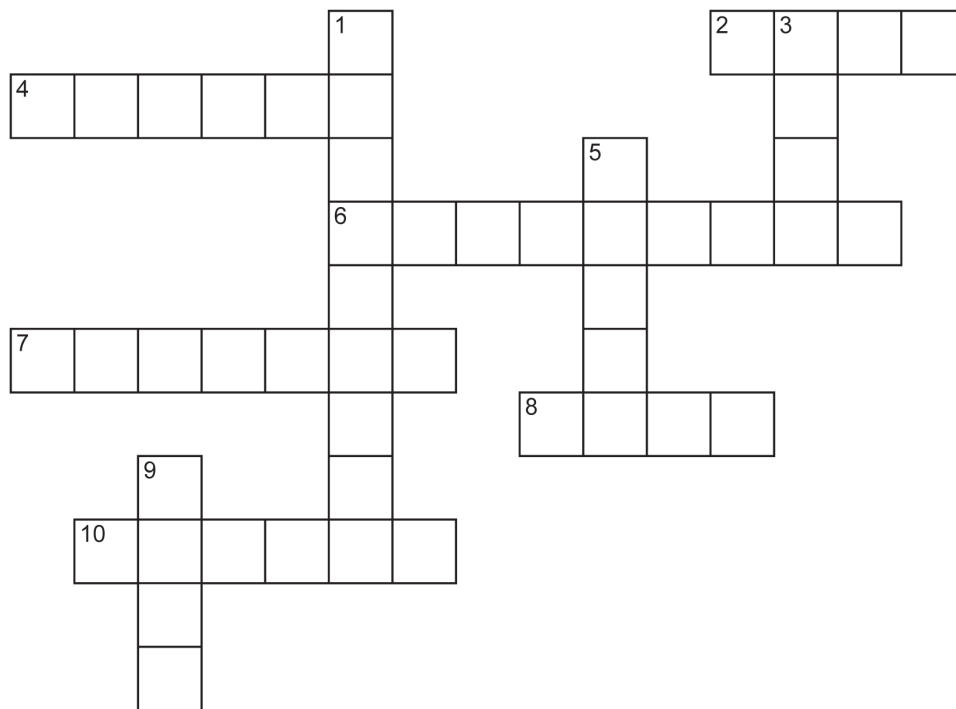
This can be repeated with other students in the classroom. You will discover you have many things you like that are the same and you will be showing each other DIGNITY and RESPECT when you take the time to listen to each other about things that you each like that are different from one another.





HOW TO SHOW *Dignity* AND *Respect* TO OTHERS.

ACTIVITY #2



Word Bank

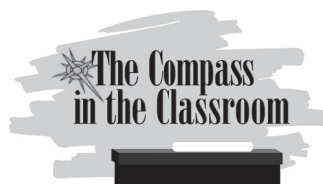
- Embarrass
- Eyes
- Golden
- Greet
- Help
- Interrupt
- Love
- Manners
- Polite
- Stop

ACROSS

- 2 You can show others a lot of respect and dignity by offering to ...
- 4 Love one another as I have loved you is called the ... rule.
- 6 Don't do this to others even if they might be wrong.
- 7 These are very important skills to show respect for others.
- 8 Tell your friends this when they are being mean to others.
- 10 Saying please and thank you are ways to be this.

DOWN

- 1 Try not to do this when people are talking.
- 3 In a conversation we should look others in the ...
- 5 When others come, do this in a welcoming way.
- 9 This is what you do when you care for others.



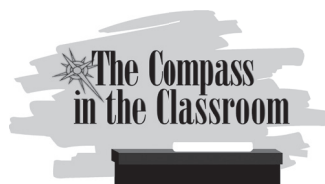


SHOWING OTHERS *Dignity*

ACTIVITY #3

Fill out with a partner or as a classroom. Challenge students to choose one positive action they can work on this month.

	What does Respect look like for others?	What is one way I can show Dignity and Respect for others?
In the Classroom		
On the Playground		
At Home		
In Our Community		





SHOWING OTHERS *Dignity*

Resources on Dignity

- Read aloud and discuss the story of the *Good Samaritan* (Luke 10:30-37)
- USCCB – great scripture references and teaching on these ideas.
(www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/life-and-dignity-of-the-human-person)
- Catholic Relief Services -Life and Dignity of the Human Person Lesson Plan
(www.crs.org/resource-center/life-and-dignity-human-person-lesson-plan-vietnam)
- Saint Study
 - o Saint (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta
 - o Saint Francis Xavier
 - o Saint Vincent De Paul
 - o Saint Katharine Drexel

Answers to crossword

Eyes/In a conversation we should look others in the ...

Greet/When others come, do this in a welcoming way.

Interrupt/Try not to do this when people are talking.

Manners/These are very important skills to show respect for others.

Polite/Saying please and thank you are ways to be this.

Stop/Tell your friends this when they are being mean to others.

Embarrass/Don't do this to others even if they might be wrong.

Help/You can show others a lot of respect and dignity by offering to ...

Golden/Love one another as I have loved you is called the ... rule.

Love/This is what you do when you care for others.

