

The Portrait of a Graduate

FAITH

- Models Christ-like behavior
- Nurtures a personal relationship with Jesus through prayer
- Strives to see Jesus in others and be Jesus for others
- Seeks to grow in faith
- Strives to grow closer to Christ
- Discovers who God calls us to be
- Understands the precepts of the Church

KNOWLEDGE

- Driven by intellectual curiosity, awe and wonder
- Uses reason, enlightened by faith, to interpret, understand and impact the world
- Recognizes and seeks to understand the connections between academic subjects and how these are manifest and integrated in the natural world
- Seeks Truth in all things

VIRTUE

- Acts with integrity
- Knows right from wrong and upholds the right
- Wills the good of others
- Celebrates successes and owns mistakes
- Strives to act with courage, fortitude, prudence and love
- Maintains and spreads hope and joy

SERVICE

- Uses God given gifts in the service of others
- Thinks first of others, then of self
- Acts for the good of others
- Is kind, caring and helpful



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The Portrait of a Graduate at Graduation encompasses the collection of skills and values we envision for students attending any Catholic school in the Diocese of Madison. These traits are what we hope to instill in our students by the time that they graduate.

Faith:

Faith is an act of the understanding adhering to Divine Truth by command of the will moved by the grace of God.

St. Thomas Aquinas

The graduate is committed to nurturing a personal relationship with Christ that has been developed while attending a Catholic school, one that leads the student to want to grow closer to Christ through an understanding of the precepts of the Church and prayer.

Knowledge:

To wisdom belongs the intellectual apprehension of eternal things; to knowledge the rational knowledge of temporal things.

St. Augustine

The graduate is inspired through intellectual curiosity, awe and wonder. This inspiration leads to connections between academic subjects and their place in the natural world, emphasizing the search for truth above all things.

Virtue:

True virtue has no limits, but goes on and on, and especially holy charity, which is the virtue of virtues, and which having a definite object, would become infinite if it could meet with a heart capable of infinity.

St. Francis de Sales

The graduate acts with integrity, knowing what is right from wrong, and chooses to uphold the right. Through this, the graduate wills the good of others.

Service:

How do you know, love, and serve God? How do you prove that you love Him? We prove our love for Jesus by what we do, by who we are.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

The graduate thinks first of others, then of self. The graduate demonstrates this trait through acts of service to benefit others.