



Class Saints: Catholic Social Teaching

Nursery : Saint Francis of Assisi



Saint Francis was one day out riding on his horse and came across a poor and sick man. Usually he would have turned away, but this time Saint Francis got off his horse and gave the man his cloak. He started to go to church more often.

He heard God tell him to repair his church. He thought He meant the church he was actually sitting in, but God meant the worldwide Church.

This he did by calling people to be responsible stewards by caring for others, especially the poorest in society and by looking after animals, and truly giving thanks to God for the gift of creation which we do by caring and protecting it. He is the patron saint of ecology and animals.





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Nursery : Saint Teresa of Avila



Saint Teresa belonged to the Carmelite religious order and was a great teacher. She wanted everyone to know and love God. She described our relationship with God as being like a garden.

She said we must allow the weeds of selfishness to be dug up and the seed of good works to be planted.

Then we will be filled with beauty and colour. She teaches us to produce works that are for the common good of all.



CST: Common Good



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Year 1 : Saint Michael the Archangel



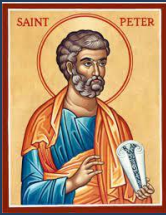
His name means 'Who is like God?' — Michael is an archangel and appointed to help us in the battle of good overcoming all that is bad and fights to bring God's justice to the world.

He defends us and all the People of God from their enemies. Saint Michael triumphs because in him it is God who acts.

He is the guardian of the Church and patron of the police and the military who work to protect us and bring peace to our world.

He reminds us that true peace comes from always remembering we are created to be like God, full of love and forgiveness.





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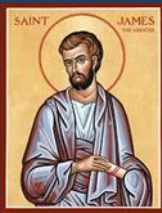
Year 2 : Saint Peter



Saint Peter was chosen by Jesus to be the leader of the apostles. He learnt first hand from Jesus. So that after Jesus had been crucified, Saint Peter could help people to continue to live like Jesus and walk in His footsteps. Jesus taught us to share our goods and our food. When He fed the multitudes, Jesus made sure everyone had enough and none was forgotten or discriminated against. Everyone shared so everyone's hunger was satisfied. St Peter made sure that happened.

In Acts chapter 4 tells us about the First Christians. We read: 'There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need'





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Year 3 : Saint James



Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee approached him with her sons and did him homage, wishing to ask him for something.

He said to her, "What do you wish?" She answered him, "Command that these two sons of mine sit, one at your right and the other at your left, in your kingdom."

Jesus said in reply, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?" They said to him, "We can."

He replied, "My cup you will indeed drink, but to sit at my right and at my left [this] is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

When the ten heard this, they became indignant at the two brothers.

But Jesus summoned them and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom* for many." Matthew 20

The Mother of St James and his brother asked Jesus for a special favour. They wanted special places to sit close to Jesus in Heaven. But Jesus said that it wasn't up to Him. But if they wanted to be truly great then they must be servants and be at the service of everybody. They were taught not to be selfish, not to exclude anyone but to be generous and include everyone and allow them to participate.



CST: Participation



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Year 4 : Saint Gabriel the Archangel



In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary!

And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favoured one! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus". Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Saint Gabriel was sent by God to visit Mary. He was sent by God to ask her to be the mother of Jesus. He waited on her decision, he didn't force her to do God's will but allowed her to speak freely and say yes to God's plan for salvation. He teaches us to listen carefully to others and let them speak up but not force them to do or say what we want.



CST: Subsidiarity



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Year 5 : Saint Anthony



Saint Anthony met Saint Francis and he was inspired to follow him in serving the poor.

When poor people could not pay back loans they were thrown into prison. By preaching Christian charity, Anthony was able to challenge the rich to care for the poor and stop being greedy. He worked for the poor and those most in need of charity and justice. He shows us how to always take the option for the poor.



CST: Option for the
Poor



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Year 6 : Saint Barbara

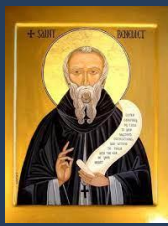


Saint Barbara was locked in a tower by her father as he wanted to protect her from the outside world. Whilst there, she gazed out from her two windows at the hills and fields and flowers and saw the beauty of the world and came to realize that there was a Creator of our beautiful world. She knew then that we were all born in the image and likeness of God. That we are gifted with a special dignity because of that. Through the visits of a priest, she was able to become a Christian. She had a third window built in her tower, so she had one for the Father, one for the Son and one for the Holy Spirit.

She is the patron saint of builders and reminds us especially of the dignity of human work.



CST: Human Dignity



Catholic Social Teaching

Saint Benedict



Our school patron founded abbeys and monasteries for men and women to live together in peace and harmony and called them 'to prefer nothing to Christ'. These communities were meant to inspire everyone in towns and villages to live together in solidarity.

Today, Benedictine monasteries throughout the world seek to continue the work of evangelization, which began as a small seed in the person of Saint Benedict and his monks. Although he never set out to form a religious order, the seed planted by Saint Benedict and his disciples has sprouted to become a worldwide family of monasteries with a wide spectrum of charisms. The spectrum ranges from the strictly cloistered contemplative monasteries to the very active ones directly engaged with groups at local and global levels. But they each play their part in spreading the Christian faith, enabling it become incarnate in all cultures and yet transcending them, helping all peoples to grow in universal brotherhood and solidarity, for the advancement of global and community development.



CST: Solidarity