

Anchor Concept: VOCATION

<p>VOCATION</p> <p>The baptismal call (from the Latin <i>vocare</i>, to call) to follow Christ is at the root of our Christian understanding of vocation. God calls each of us to use our divinely bestowed gifts and talents in service to build up the entire community of faith and human family. Each of us, then, is called to play a role in the fulfillment of God's plan. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we answer this call in many ways, the primary way being through our work or daily occupation. To work is fundamental to our humanity, and is inscribed in our nature as <i>image of God</i>, who is portrayed in Genesis as working to establish the created order. As a primary human vocation, work is our response to the divine invitation to partake in God's creative activity, and in a sense, to be co-creator and participant in the building up of the Reign of God. By their work, human persons contribute their personal industry to the realization in history of the divine plan for a reign of love and justice among all peoples. Work is thus intrinsic to human dignity. It is a principal means through which human persons express who they are in the world, after the example of Jesus, who devoted much of his life to working as a carpenter. Work is more than just a means to earning money. As vocation, work exists to serve both the good of the human person and the community, and can rightly be considered a form of service, and even <i>ministry</i>, when animated by the message of the Gospel.</p>	<p>Related Concepts:</p> <p>SERVICE CHURCH EMPLOYMENT / WORKPLACE LABOUR DIGNITY OF WORK / FULFILLMENT INDUSTRIALIZATION PRODUCTION / PRODUCTIVITY WEALTH LEADERSHIP TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATION CAREER AND PERSONAL PLANNING PERSONHOOD AND IDENTITY PROFIT MOTIVE ETHICS COMMUNITY / COMMON GOOD MINISTRY CO-CREATOR LIFESTYLE HOLINESS BODY OF CHRIST SERVICE</p>
<p>Corresponding Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations:</p> <p>CGE1g Understands that one's purpose or call in life comes from God and strives to discern and live out this call throughout life's journey</p> <p>CGE3c Thinks reflectively and creatively to evaluate situations and solve problems</p> <p>CGE3d Makes decisions in light of gospel values with an informed moral conscience</p> <p>CGE4b Demonstrates flexibility and adaptability</p> <p>CGE4e Sets appropriate goals and priorities in school, work and personal life</p> <p>CGE4f Applies effective communication, decision-making, problem-solving, time and resource management skills</p> <p>CGE4g Examines and reflects on one's personal values, abilities and aspirations influencing life's choices and opportunities</p> <p>CGE5a Works effectively as an interdependent team member</p> <p>CGE5b Thinks critically about the meaning and purpose of work</p> <p>CGE5c Develops one's God-given potential and makes a meaningful contribution to society</p> <p>CGE5d Finds meaning, dignity, fulfillment and vocation in work which contributes to the common good</p> <p>CGE5g Achieves excellence, originality, and integrity in one's own work and supports these qualities in the work of others</p> <p>CGE5h Applies skills for employability, self-employment and entrepreneurship relative to Christian vocation</p> <p>CGE7a Acts morally and legally as a person formed in Catholic traditions</p>	