

Religion Bulletin Boards

2015-2016 --Virtues

Bulletin boards have an important function in every classroom. They should be interactive as they provide a way to introduce new concepts or display student work related to the concept. Every classroom in a Catholic school/PREP program should have at least one bulletin board dedicated to increasing student awareness of faith values. They should be changed/updated on a regular basis throughout the school year.

Teachers and catechists should create boards that are equally engaging and educational. The use of interactive boards in the classroom ensures that students recognize the importance of the posted materials. This year's bulletin Board ideas have as their source, the virtues related to the "Fruits of the Spirit" found in Galatians, 5:22:

"...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Additional resources related to each month's virtues can be found on the following web sites. This will enable teachers to use their bulletin boards as "teaching tools" as well as provide them with meaningful faith-based classroom decorations. The web sites are:
<http://phillyocf.org/resources/> <http://phillymissions.org/>
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/aboutus/Virtueofthemonth/Pages/default.aspx>

The virtues covered in this edition of *ABC Notes* are:

September-Love (expressed through Hospitality) With the expected millions gathering in the U.S. for the World Meeting of Families in September, an opportunity is provided to share with students the virtue of charity as reflected through hospitality. As we anticipate the Year of Mercy, it is also a way to look at the virtue as reflected in the Works of Mercy

October- Faithfulness We can ask our students to reflect on how they can be faithful to the mission we have been called to as Catholics. World Mission Sunday is celebrated in October.

November- Generosity Our focus during November on God's gifts to us can create opportunities for generosity and outreach to others.

The virtues covered in future editions will include:

December- Joy (Year of Mercy begins)

January- Peace

February- Kindness

March- Patience/long suffering

April - Goodness

May- Gentleness

October—Virtue of Faithfulness in Living Out Our Mission

- **Faithfulness means you follow through with your commitments regardless of what it costs. It's the quality of being honest and reliable in our dealings with others.**
- **Faithfulness is doing what we know we should even when it's not easy.**
- **Faithfulness is remaining committed to doing right even when you feel like.**

Primary

**BE A MISSIONARY
FOR JESUS!**



Illustration of a globe with a cross on top, representing a missionary. Below the globe are several sheets of paper and pencils, suggesting a writing or drawing activity.

Explain to students what it means to be a missionary and why it is so important to have missionaries to tell people about God. Share with them stories of saints who were missionaries (e.g. St. John Neumann, St. Francis Xavier) Help them to understand that they, too, like St. Therese, can become missionaries right here at home as long as they remain faithful to God and set an example to others of this faithfulness. Have them contribute ideas for the bulletin board by drawing pictures or writing a paragraph showing how they can tell others about God.



I do not ask for success;
I ask for faithfulness



A word cloud centered around the word "faithfulness". Other words include: commitment, true, others, relationship, affection, means, constant, living, one, sacrifice, heart, legal, separate, respect, family, trust, faith, hope, love, joy, peace, kindness, generosity, compassion, patience, humility, integrity, honesty, courage, perseverance, determination, resilience, strength, endurance, discipline, self-control, moderation, temperance, prudence, justice, fortitude, and charity.

Identify Mother Teresa as a modern-day example of someone who was faithful to the mission of proclaiming and giving witness to the Gospels throughout her life. Show the YouTube video of Mother Teresa's life (<https://search.yahoo.com/yhs/search?p=Biography+of+Mother+Teresa+for+youthMother+Teresa&ei=UTF-8&hspart=mozilla&hsimp=yhs-001>) or read a section of her biography to students each day. Have the students create word clouds that could be added to the bulletin board using words and phrases derived from the video/reading of Mother Teresa's biography. Have them create personal "word clouds" describing what they can do to model the virtue of faithfulness.