**Service**

**Catholic Teachings Suggestion**

“The respect owed to the inviolability and integrity of physical life finds its climax in the positive commandment: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself (Lev 19:18), by which Jesus enjoins the obligation to tend to the needs of one’s neighbour’” (Mt 22:37, Mk 12:29-31, Lk 10:27-28). *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*

“Awareness of God’s undying love sustains us in our laborious and stimulating work for justice and the development of peoples, amid successes and failures, in the ceaseless pursuit of a just ordering of human affairs. God’s love calls us to move beyond the limited and the ephemeral, it gives us the courage to continue seeking and working for the benefit of all.” *Caritas in Veritate* 2009 #78, Pope Benedict XVI.

“Love of God leads to participation in the justice and generosity of God towards others. Loving God requires an interior freedom from all possessions and all material goods: the love of God is revealed in responsibility for others”[20] *Spe Salvi* 2007 #28, Pope Benedict XVI.

“Love of neighbour, grounded in love of God, is foremost a responsibility for each individual member of the faithful, but it is also a responsibility for the entire ecclesial community at every level: from the local community to the particular Church and to the Church universal in its entirety.” *Deus Caritas* 2006 #20, Pope Benedict XVI.

**Scripture**

‘Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart, for you have seen the wonderful things he has done for you.’ *(1 Samuel 12:24)*

‘Whoever serves me must follow me; and wherever I am, there shall my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honour him.’ *(John 12:26)*

‘Let the greatest among you be the servant of all. For whoever makes himself great shall be humbled, and whoever humbles himself shall be made great.’ *(Matt 23:11)*

‘Serve one another with the gifts each of you received. (1 Peter 4:10)*

‘Whatever you do, in word and in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God.’ *(Col 3:17)*

**Description of the Value**

- Our mission is to serve
- Service to the Church and the world
- Experience, reflect and serve others

**What we’ll see when this value is permeated in the Curriculum**

- Classroom experiences build in students a commitment to lives of a loving service to God
- Teachers foster social action in students which strives to bring authentic moral values to the organisation of society
- Teachers shape a rich curriculum which foregrounds action for justice, peace and ecological sustainability based on the mission of Jesus to establish the Kingdom of God