



Catholic Schools Week 2020

Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation



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Monday: Living in Harmony with God

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Learning Intention

Students will learn what it means to 'live in harmony' and further this by understanding what it means to 'live in harmony with God.'

Success Criteria

- Students will be able to define the word 'harmony' and illustrate this understanding
- Students will be able to identify different types of harmony
- Students will be able to define what it means to 'live in harmony'
- Students will be able to give examples from the Bible of people 'living in harmony with God'
- Students will be able to reflect on whether they are 'living in harmony with God' or 'living in harmony'.



KEYWORDS	DEFINITION
Harmony	
Burdens	
Inner Peace	
Self-centredness	
Self-absorption	
Individualism	
Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation	
Enrich	
Reflect	
Deficiencies	
Limitations	
Communication	
Virtual Contact	



Name the 6 types of harmony represented in each image





Reflective Task

Take a few moments to think about your life and where there is harmony in it. Draw an image that represents this harmony – you can draw images or simply use colours to represent this time of harmony.

'When you find peace within yourself, you become the kind of person who can live at peace with others.'

(Peace Pilgrim Quote)

What does this quote mean to you?

'Help to carry one another's burdens.'

(Gal 6:2)

What does this quote mean to you?



'A friend is someone who gives you total freedom to be yourself.'

(Jim Morrison)

What does this quote mean to you?



'World peace begins with inner peace.'

(Dalai Lama)

Do you agree with the Dalai Lama?



In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis states:

'We are always capable of going out of ourselves towards the other. Unless we do this, other creatures will not be recognised for their true worth; we are unconcerned about caring for things for the sake of others; we fail to set limits on ourselves in order to avoid the suffering of others or the deterioration of our surroundings. Disinterested concern for others, and the rejection of every form of self-centeredness and self-absorption, are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment. These attitudes also attune us to the moral imperative of assessing the impact of our every action and personal decision on the world around us. If we can overcome individualism, we will truly be able to develop a different lifestyle and bring about significant changes in society.' (LS, 208)

What does this mean?





What can I do?

'Just concentrate on thinking and living and acting in harmony with God's laws and inspiring others to do likewise.'

God's Laws

Read the following biblical passages and describe the type of harmony shown in each.

BIBLICAL REFERENCE	TYPE OF HARMONY
Ephesians 4:32	
Genesis 37:1-11	
Galatians 5:19-25	
Genesis 37:12-36	
1 John 4:7-12	
Psalms 37:1-11	
1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 11, 14	

Christus Vivit!

In your groups, discuss the characteristics that young people have that help to 'enrich' the world. Make a list!

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(On the Digital Environment)...‘we need to realise that, like every human reality, it has its share of limitations and deficiencies. It is not healthy to confuse communication with mere virtual contact.’ (CV, 88)

Put this paragraph into your own words.



List the ways in which one could ‘live in harmony with God’.



Extension Exercise 1

In what ways has God shown his people that he wants them to ‘live in harmony’ with him.





'Sometime ago, a friend asked me what I see in a young person. My response was that "I see someone who is searching for his or her own path, who wants to fly on their two feet, who faces the world and looks at the horizon with eyes full of the future, full of hope as well as illusions. A young person stands on two feet as adults do, but unlike adults, whose feet are parallel, he always has one foot forward, ready to set out, to spring ahead. Always racing onward. To talk about young people is to talk about promise and to talk about joy. Young people have so much strength; they are able to look ahead with hope. A young person is a promise of life that implies a certain degree of tenacity. He is foolish enough to delude himself, and resilient enough to recover from that delusion".'

Put this paragraph into your own words.



How does it make you feel knowing that this is what Pope Francis thinks of young people?

Is it coincidental that Pope Francis and God think so much of young people?



Explain the last line in your own words.



Extension Exercise 3

Christus Vivit is a Latin phrase.

What does it mean?

