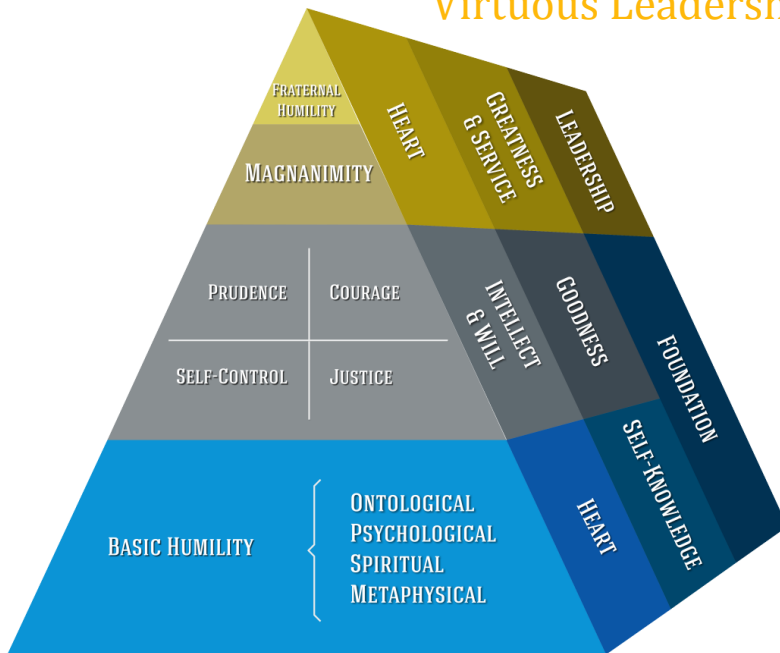


CREATED FOR GREATNESS

Virtuous Leadership Formation



THE VIRTUOUS LEADERSHIP PYRAMID

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In cooperation with the Havard Virtuous Leadership Institute (hvli.org), St. Croix Catholic School has formulated a leadership institute within the Middle School setting.

The three years of middle school allows for intentional opportunities for growth in specific virtues which culminate in the experience of true leadership and greatness of spirit in the 8th grade student.

It is the joy and privilege of each faculty member to assist parents in the formation of their students at a most critical time of development. We choose to emphasize greatness of soul at a time of life that society tells our students to lower the expectations for themselves and others.

| Year | Description |
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| 6th Grade | Humility, living in truth, forms the cornerstone for our Leadership Institute. For our students to lead others, they must first know themselves as a creature made in the image of God. They are taught to identify their natural weaknesses and personal faults, as well as to recognize their own dignity and greatness, talent and virtue. Students learn about their own temperaments and to appreciate those of others. |
| 7th Grade | The virtues of prudence, courage, self-control, and justice, which are mainly virtues of mind and will, are the foundations of leadership. <i>Prudence</i> increases the leader's ability to make right decisions; <i>courage</i> permits him to stay the course and resist pressures of all kinds; <i>self-control</i> directs the emotions to what is truly good, not just in the here and now; <i>justice</i> impels him to give everyone his due according to each person's dignity. Each virtue is studied in light of the New Testament example of Jesus and the lives of saints. Students are given opportunities to reflect on their own growth in these virtues throughout each quarter. |
| 8th Grade | Leadership is about achieving greatness by bringing out the greatness in others. <i>Magnanimity</i> (greatness) and <i>fraternal humility</i> (service), which are principally virtues of the heart, constitute the essence of leadership. Magnanimity is the habit of striving for great things. Leaders are magnanimous in their dreams, their visions and their sense of mission; also in their capacity to challenge themselves and those around them. Fraternal humility is the habit of serving others. 8th graders study the spiritual gifts they were given at their Baptism and are given opportunities to discern the gifts they are called to bring to the world. |