

ENRICHMENT: VIRTUE

Virtues are what strengthen us to do what is right.

With virtue, we do what is right with joy. Virtues enable us to be good and holy.

Who do you want to be?

We all admire truly virtuous people. While many people do what is right every so often, we often fall short of virtue when it becomes difficult. Living virtuously means more than being a good person when it is beneficial and convenient. It is having the strength of character to do what is right consistently and with joy.



FAITH



HOPE



CHARITY

Virtues determine our character—they define who we are as individuals. A person with a virtuous character is able to resist temptation and pursue what is good in difficult times. They are equipped with the shields of virtue.

Make no mistake: the spiritual life is a battle! It is often challenging to do what is right. Thankfully, God gives us the three theological virtues at our Baptism so we are prepared to be soldiers for Christ. Faith, hope, and charity are golden because they are the most important virtues to maintain and develop. With these theological virtues, we are able to fight alongside Christ, call others to holiness, live happy lives on earth, and journey with peace to Heaven.



Virtuous people carry their crosses with Christ.



Virtuous people pray to God for greater virtue.



Virtuous people do what is right even when it is hard.



Virtuous people help others in need.

Becoming a Person of Character

Ask yourself and your children the following questions:

- Do you do what is right even when it is hard? Or do you do what is right only when it is easy and convenient?
- What kind of person do you want to be? Do you want to be virtuous?
Do you want to be holy?
- Do you admire or respect anybody (real or fictional) for his virtue? What do you admire about him?
- Do you ask God for help in strengthening your virtues, especially when you are faced with temptation?

Prayer to Grow in Virtue

O Blessed Trinity, we need Your gift of virtue to be happy now and to join You in Heaven later. Please continue to strengthen us with virtue. Guide us to do what is right with joy. Amen.