



Catholic School Pupil Profile

Eloquent and **truthful**

Eloquent and **truthful** in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

What does this mean?

By developing an **eloquent** language which pupils can use to understand and articulate their emotions, beliefs, and questions, encouraged by the example of their teachers to be **truthful** in the way they represent themselves and speak about the world.

Catholic School Pupil Profile - Reflection for Staff

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How do you set out to widen your pupils' vocabulary and deepen their language?

Are there opportunities for pupils to be eloquent in different ways (eg. Public speaking, drama, dance or music, art and digital media)?

Do you encourage pupils to seek the deeper truth? And to ask the question 'Why'?

Taken From Jesuit Pupil Profile

<http://jesuitinstitute.org/Pages/JesuitPupilProfile.htm>

Prayers for the Season

The Church in Winter Ordinary Time prays for a number of intentions. These include prayers for the unemployed, peace on earth, Christian unity and prayers for the sick and those who care for them.

The Liturgy Office website contains a wealth of resources and prayers to help cover these key themes.

Prayer for the sick and those who care for them.

'Be with those whose special care is the health of mind and body. Fill their hearts with awe for the life which is your gift and sustain them in your service, that their hands may bring to others the comfort of your healing touch.'

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Cycle/WinterCP.shtml>



Thank you to all those who entered our Advent Prayer Focus competition. The winner will be announced via email/ Twitter.

Dates for the Diary

Date	
1st January	Solemnity of Mary, the mother of God.
2nd January	Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church.
6th January	Solemnity of Epiphany of the Lord.
13th January	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
18th January	Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.
20th January	Peace Day. Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity
21st January	Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Octave of Prayer for Christian unity.
22nd January	Optional memorial of St. Vincent, Martyr Octave of Prayer for Christian unity.
23rd January	Memorial of St. Nicholas Owen, Religious Octave of Prayer for Christian unity.
24th January	Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Octave of Prayer for Christian unity.
25th January	Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul Octave of Prayer for Christian unity.
26th January	Memorial of SS Timothy and Titus, Bishops
28th January	Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church.
31st January	Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest
2nd February	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
5th February	Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr
6th February	Memorial of St. Paul Miki, and Companions, Martyrs.
8th February	Day of Prayer for the victims of trafficking.
11th February	Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. World Day of the Sick
14th February	Feast of St. Cyril, Monk, and St. Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe. Day of Prayer for Europe.

Spring 1 Prayer Focus Information

Christmas Season—White/Gold Cloth

(Until 13th January)

You could keep your Nativity on display until this time. This is the end of the Christmas season.

Week 2—Ordinary Time— Green cloth

Ordinary time is where we focus on the life of Jesus, the stories, parables he told and his ministry.

You could display pictures and key words from the stories you will be covering in your next RE units on the prayer focus.

Key Dates

6th January—The Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas and it is the time we remember when the Wise Men visited Jesus.

Epiphany means 'revelation' and it is when Christ is revealed to be important.

13th January - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is when Jesus was baptised aged 30 and started to teach people about God. This ends the Christmas Season.

2nd February—Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is when we remember Jesus being 'presented' in the Temple. Simeon and Anna both recognised Jesus to be the one who had been sent by God to save all. You may wish to leave images of the Holy family up around your classroom until this day.

CAFOD Resources

Assemblies - You can book a CAFOD volunteer for your school assembly / class workshop via <https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/CAFOD-in-your-area>

Primary Teaching Resources - There is a wealth of resources on the CAFOD Website to support teachers, RE Leadership and there are even games/resources for children to play. <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources>

Child Led Collective Worship - CAFOD have developed resources to support children in leading whole class worship. They have created a planning sheet and have included some information to help children sequence their own worship under the headings of Gather, Listen, Respond and Go Forth.

These can be accessed <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Collective-worship-resources>

Confirmation Resources - CAFOD have developed a range of resources to support the Popes call to encourage children to 'Be revolutionaries, swim against the tide". This set of resources includes how to put faith into action. This can be found by accessing <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Confirmation>

Candlemas (The Presentation of the Lord)

You might think that Christmas ends when you take the Christmas decorations down - but it doesn't. It ends at Candlemas which falls on Feb 2nd. The name comes from 'Candle Mass' because the candles are blessed to be used in Church during the coming year. Perhaps it would be a good time for you to put new candles on your classroom Prayer Focus. For more information, please access www.whychristmas.com

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

The 11th February marks the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. You may wish to ask children to write prayers of intention for those in your Parish who are sick. Names can usually be found on the Parish newsletter.

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