

ISSUES IN BRIEF

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Suggested *Standards of Christian Anthropology* to Address Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity in Catholic Education

Teachers working in Catholic education can use these [Standards for Christian Anthropology](#) along with The Cardinal Newman Society's [Catholic Curriculum Standards](#) to address issues of diversity, equity, and inclusivity from a Catholic worldview. These standards help students see themselves and each other through God's eyes and will allow them to come to know the importance of communion with each other and with God; that man was made for communion, and not division, and will find true happiness when he makes a complete gift of himself to others and to God.

Standards

- Express that every person is a gift from God. 1.1.3 TOB
- Recognize that all creatures are a sign of God's gift in love. 2.1.1 TOB
- Relate how we learn more about ourselves through our relationships with others. 2.3.1 TOB
- Discuss reasons why God made man male and female in Gen. 1:27 and Gen. 2:18-22a. 2.3.2 TOB
- Explain how original nakedness refers to seeing the world and others as God sees; as Gift. 5.4.1 TOB
- Define "original nakedness" as experiencing the true and clear vision of the person; as gift and in God's image. 6.4.1 TOB
- Exhibit the virtue of reverence for God, his creation, and other people by treating them with respect and honor, for God is all good and his creation is a good gift. 6.4.2 TOB
- Discuss how we are created in the image and likeness of the Trinitarian God. 2.5.1 TOB
- Extrapolate how man is created in God's image through the communion of persons. 4.5.1 TOB
- Contrast how God can enable people to view the world and others as gifts with how some people view the world and others as a threat, eliciting a response of selfishness and manipulation. 3.6.1 TOB
- Explain gift-of-self as thoughts, words or actions that place oneself at the service of others and seek the true good of the other. 6.6.1 TOB
- Discuss how the character of a person is embodied in their comportment. 2.7.1 TOB
- Analyze how the body reveals that each person is made for relationship with God, others, and the world. 2.8.1 TOB
- Explain how the human body is a visible sign (a "sacrament") of God's invisible love. 6.8.1 TOB
- Recognize that each person is unique and unrepeatable. 1.11.1 TOB
- Recognize that God calls us to make a gift of ourselves in love. 1.11.2 TOB
- Propose how a "communion of persons" involves the loving gift-of-self (i.e., the Trinity, but also the unity of the Church, the family and the unity of man and woman) 7.5.1 TOB