

RESPECTING OTHERS

Word of the Week

Luke 10:25-37

Jesus told this story:

A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, robbers attacked him and grabbed everything he had. They beat him up and ran off, leaving him half dead.

A priest happened to be going down the same road. But when he saw the man, he walked by on the other side. Later a temple helper came to the same place. But when he saw the man who had been beaten up, he also went by on the other side.

A man from Samaria then came traveling along that road. When he saw the man, he felt sorry for him and went over to him. He treated his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put him on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next morning he gave the innkeeper two silver coins and said, "Please take care of the man. If you spend more than this on him, I will pay you when I return."

Then Jesus asked, "Which one of these three people was a real neighbour to the man who was beaten up by robbers?"

A teacher answered, "The one who showed pity." Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

Something to think about....

The Jews and the Samaritans did not get along with each other. The people of Samaria lived in an area west of the Jordan River. They had a heritage that was partly Jewish. The Samaritans worshipped God, but they had changed some of the commandments. The Jews thought they were better than the Samaritans and tried not to travel in their land. If they saw Samaritans, they would not talk to them. But Jesus taught that you should respect all people. It is vitally important in today's world that we respect other religions and other beliefs. Jesus showed how important respect is and he taught the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show how stupid petty divisions are. Sometimes the people we least expect can do the most surprising things for us.

Something to talk about...

What is your reaction to these quotes?

"Show respect even to people who don't deserve it; not as a reflection of their character, but as a reflection of yours."

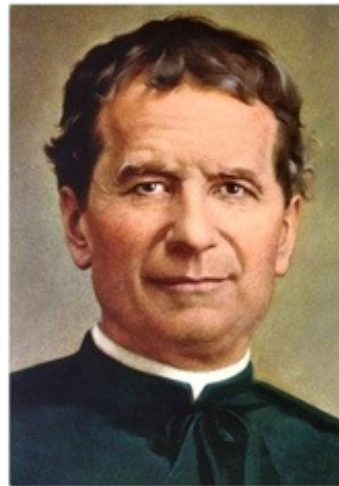
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If they respect you, respect them. If they disrespect you, still respect them. Do not allow the actions of others to decrease your good manners. Because you represent yourself not others.



How St. John Bosco showed respect...

John was born in Turin, Italy. He became a priest and he always had great respect for young people. He was concerned when he saw so many children living on the streets. Like a loving father, he gathered together these homeless boys and taught them trades. This way they would not have to steal or get into trouble. By 1850, there were 150 boys living at his home for boys. He asked the young boys to imitate Jesus in everything they did - whether it was work, study or play. He started his own religious order of priests and brothers called the Salesians. These men have dedicated their lives to respecting young people and teaching them about God's love in countries all over the world. The Salesians run Savio House where many Year 9 will be on retreat this week.



Prayer to Saint John Bosco

Saint John Bosco, Patron of the Youth, you reached out to children whom no one cared for.

Please obtain for us from God a holy love for the youth

that we may keep them safe from the dangers of the world and guide them to the holy path that leads to God. Amen.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?



Many of our Year 9 pupils go on retreat to Savio House this week. We hope they have a great time.

Wednesday is the Feast of St. John Bosco. Happy Feast Day to all John forms.

Friday lunchtime Mass in the Chapel - all are welcome!

