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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"As we acquire more knowledge, things do not become more comprehensible, but more mysterious."

- Albert Schweitzer

CATHOLIC Q&A

What do Catholics believe about...

The Season of Lent?

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INTERFAITH CALENDAR

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- 03/02-20: Nineteen Day Fast - *Baha'i*
- 03/10: Lailat al Miraj - *Islam*
- 03/12: Maha Shivaratri - *Hindu*
- 03/17: St. Patrick's Day - *Christianity*
- 03/18: Waqf al Arafa - *Islam*
- 03/19: St. Joseph's Day - *Christianity*
- 03/21: Norooz (New Year) - *Zoroastrian*
- 03/21: Naw-Ruz (New Year) - *Baha'i*
- 03/21: Ostara/Mabon - *Neo-Pagan*
- 03/25: Annunciation - *Christianity*
- 03/25: Mahavir Puja Day - *Jain*
- 03/28: Lailat al Bara'ah - *Islam*
- 03/28: Magha Puja Day - *Buddhist*
- 03/28-04/08: Pesach - *Jewish*
- 03/28: Palm Sunday - *Christian*
- 03/29: Holi - *Hindu*

THE PATH TO THE "VILLA WAY"

At Villa Maria College, we build a culture of student success by being clear about our priorities, particularly as they relate to the beliefs and behaviors, we expect from all members of the Villa community. These priorities are codified as the "Villa Way."

To follow the Villa Way, we always:

1. Put Students First: At Villa, nothing is more important than the student experience.
2. Live our Core Values: We practice the Felician Sisters' core values in every interaction we have on campus, and we hold everyone accountable for living up to these values.
3. Cultivate Positive Relationships: We develop effective reciprocal relationships based on trust, respect, and authenticity. We practice transparency, we listen to each other, and we provide people the information they need, when they need it.
4. Celebrate Successes: The Villa culture is characterized by encouragement, support, and positivity. We acknowledge and celebrate achievements, big and small, to help foster transformation.
5. Use Creativity and Research to Innovate: Villa is progressive in its approach to student-centered education. We constantly strive to develop cutting-edge strategies that propel student success.

Please join us for a brief Lenten Morning Prayer Service during the Monday's of the Season of Lent. Each service will begin at 9:00 am via zoom. See your emails for the zoom invite.

TRAITS EMPLOYEES NEED TO SUCCEED IN THE WORKPLACE

By: Carol Gatti

The workplace can be a tricky place to navigate. There are politics, personality conflicts, and additional influences that you cannot control. Although a relationship with management is a two-way street—there are definite boundaries set that are not recommended to cross. This is unless your rights are being violated, and it's not a case of an axe to grind. In this crazy process there is good news.

You can control how you react, even when it's unfair—or veiled in manipulation. By devising a plan ahead of time, you can succeed in your career by building on key areas and traits to succeed.

Traits, like communication, respect, a good work ethic, and dedication can be carried with you no matter where you go. Author Bob Nelson wrote "An employee's motivation is a direct result of the sum of interactions with his or her manager."

It is up to you to do your part to the best of your abilities. This is taking pride in what you do, being respectful, and communicating with the team. Here are some traits to consider.

Stay out of the office gossip by refusing to take part, be impeccable with your word, speak with integrity, be a team player, if you can offer help—do it, and communication is a key to any healthy relationship,

Do the best you can for you, and leave with a good reputation. Making this a goal helps when you want to give up on yourself or personal career goals. You don't have to be the most talented in the field. It's your work ethic that matters most.

Click [here](#) to read the full article.



OUR CORE VALUES

Respect for Human Dignity



Transformation



JUSTICE and PEACE



Compassion



Solidarity with the Poor

2020-2021 Focus

JUSTICE & PEACE REFLECTION

Take Action for Equitable Vaccine Distribution!!

As vaccines are rolled out in many – mostly wealthy – countries, Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) is pushing for a just and equitable distribution, grounded in science, ethics, and human rights. A global vaccine will only be effective if no one is left behind.

Widespread uptake and equitable distribution of vaccines is one of the most pressing issues of our time. Not only is it the right thing to do – it's also the only way to try to end the pandemic. Until everyone is vaccinated across the globe, people will continue to get sick and die, variants will continue to develop and spread uncontrollably, and the darkness we experienced over the last year will linger.

To that end, in the coming months, the PHR team will be focusing its efforts on advocating for the just and equitable manufacture and distribution of vaccines globally and within the United States. Specifically, PHR will be prioritizing the following three issues:

- * Protecting frontline health care workers who continue to risk their health and safety to treat and protect others;
- * Protecting marginalized and historically disadvantaged communities who are most at-risk and least likely to be protected from the virus or treated if they become sick; and
- * Ensuring an equitable global production and distribution of vaccines by advocating for adequate funding for resource-constrained settings to acquire a fair share of vaccines and to ensure free and fair distribution.

Arm in arm, we must stand together to demand vaccine equity now, which is why PHR is partnering with Oxfam America and other leading human rights organizations in pushing for a People's Vaccine.

Please, [click](#) here to add your name now to join in this endeavor.

This information comes from the Felician Sister's "Justice & Peace - Integrity for Creation Committee"



Physicians for
Human Rights

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK March 8-14, 2021

The first three presidents of Villa Maria College



Left to Right: Sister Marcella Maria Garus served as President of Villa Maria College from 1978 to 2018. A total of 40 years. Sister served at the college for a total of 50 years! Sister Mary Pachomia Lenda was president of the college from 1967 to 1978. The first president was Mother Mary Annette Guzowski from 1961 to 1967. She lived another 30 years, dying in 1997 at the age of 104!



On Friday, March 12 at 11:15 am in the college auditorium we will hold a Memorial Mass for Sister Mary DeAngelis Nowak. Sister died at the age of 86 on December 14, 2020 from complications of COVID-19. Beginning in 1978, she spent 32 years at Villa Maria College serving as Vice President for Business Affairs. Please join us if you are able.



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