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(Student First & Last Name)

(Homeroom)

(Month)

(Virtue)

HOME PROJECT

DIRECTIONS: At the beginning of the month, choose a project. Work on it all through the month in order to grow in the virtue. At the end of the month, think about how the project helped you to grow in that virtue. Write your answers on this form and return it to the teacher at the end of the month.

PK-5: Students complete their monthly project with their parents.

6-8: Complete a project with parents or with friends, but parents should still sign the form.

Note: only a completion grade will be given for this assignment.

Project Number: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Alternative Project (describe below):

Parent comments (optional for grades 6-8):

Student comments (may be transcribed for younger students):

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Notes on Child(ren)'s Progress

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Acknowledgements

The *Virtues in Practice* program was originally written by a team of parents and faculty members at St. Gertrude School in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2005, and implemented beginning with the 2006 academic year. The program began as a nine-year cycle with students in kindergarten through eighth grade learning about a different virtue, and a saint who exemplified that virtue, each month. It was intended only for the use of St. Gertrude School, but within a short time it became clear that many schools desired the use of such a program.

To make the program accessible to a wider audience, Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia from St. Gertrude School, St. Mary's School in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Newport News, Virginia, and St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School in Woodbridge, Virginia worked together with faculty and staff volunteers in those schools to create the current program which follows a spiraling curriculum that repeats the same virtues over a three-year cycle while introducing new saints each year. To all who have contributed time and talent to the creation of this program, we are deeply grateful.

This program is the fruit of grace and collaboration, and is offered free of charge to those who wish to use it in their home or school. It is our prayer that all who read it will be inspired to pattern their lives more faithfully on that of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May our lives radiate His virtues, so that others may come to know and believe in the life and love He offers freely! To that end, we offer this work to His glory through the patronage of Mary, our Mother, and Star of the New Evangelization.

~ *The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation*

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Eight centuries ago St. Dominic de Guzman, inspired by the Holy Spirit in response to the needs of his time, founded an Order with the mission of preaching for the salvation of souls. Dominic's love for God and neighbor continues to inspire the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation today, as they joyfully embrace the Church's call to the New Evangelization. Through their teaching apostolate, the Sisters serve over 16,000 students in 41 schools in the United States, Canada, Australia, Italy, and Scotland.

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe
that You are one God in three divine Persons,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
I believe that Your divine Son became man
and died for our sins and that He will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe these and all the truths
which the Holy Catholic Church teaches
because You have revealed them
Who can neither deceive nor be deceived.
Amen.

Act of Hope

O my God, relying on Your almighty power
and infinite mercy and promises,
I hope to obtain pardon of my sins,
the help of Your grace, and life everlasting,
through the merits of Jesus Christ,
my Lord and Redeemer.
Amen.

Act of Charity

O my God, I love You above all things,
with my whole heart and soul,
because You are all good and worthy of all love.
I love my neighbor as myself for the love of You.
I forgive all who have injured me,
and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.
Amen.