

Bishop Kelly High School

OUR MISSION

We develop the total student --- spirit, mind, and body. through a diverse and comprehensive education in the Catholic tradition, students prepare themselves to serve God and others in the world community.

THE BISHOP KELLY GRADUATE AT GRADUATION

The Life of the Spirit: Spiritual Growth

The graduate of Bishop Kelly High School has developed a personal spirituality based on prayer, faith tradition, relationship with community, and living their faith in the world through service. At the time of graduation, the Bishop Kelly student will demonstrate excellence in the following areas:

- a knowledge of the Church's teaching about Jesus Christ as well as the sacramental expressions of His mission;
- an understanding of the relationship with Jesus that manifests itself through service and a commitment to social justice;
- an ability to evaluate moral choices and issues based on a well-formed conscience and the teachings of the Church;
- an awareness of world religions and an appropriate respect for their beliefs;
- a definition of their own spiritual beliefs and an ability to envision their own future spiritual growth;
- an acquisition of the skills necessary for their continuing quest for self-understanding;
- a discipline of self that transcends place;
- a deep sense of spirituality and a desire for spiritual growth.

The Life of Vocation: The Call to Servant Leadership and Social Justice

The graduate of Bishop Kelly High School understands the principles and skills of servant leadership. He/she has developed an awareness of social problems on local, national, and global levels. The graduate is ready to work for peace and justice in the community as a compassionate, ethical, and intelligent problem solver. At the time of graduation, the Bishop Kelly student will demonstrate excellence in the following areas:

- an understanding that Christian leadership is centered in serving others;
- a realization of their own gifts and talents as well as those of others around them;
- an understanding of manners and a sense of courtesy based on respect for others and an awareness of their inherent dignity;
- a commitment to compassionate service, especially to the poor;
- an ability to articulate and act upon a value system guided by a spirit that values human dignity and human rights;
- a thirst for justice and a willingness to see it become a reality;
- a love for the environment and a willingness to protect it;
- an articulation of the connection between faith and a commitment to helping the poor, sick, and forlorn;
- an understanding of conflict resolution and successfully applying it in daily living.

The Life of Well-Being: Physical, Social, and Emotional Health

The graduate of Bishop Kelly High School recognizes the value of healthful living physically, socially, and emotionally. At the time of graduation, the Bishop Kelly student will demonstrate excellence in the following areas:

- a commitment to healthful nutrition and a recognition of the importance of a lifetime of physical activity;
- a commitment to physical health as a means of experiencing life more fully;
- knowledge of the values of discipline, perseverance, and courage inherent in aspiring to become their greatest self;
- making conscious, positive contributions to others;
- caring, commitment, kindness and compassion extended to every person in the school community;
- accepting of others and self and feeling accepted by others and self;
- understanding and coping with a wide range of emotions and feelings in themselves and others;
- having experienced love, belonging, and joy in their life;
- a sense of gratitude for their own and others' God-given gifts;
- a sense of what it takes to become a whole, healthy human being – spiritually, physically, socially and emotionally.

Recognizing the parents as the child's first and most influential teachers, we desire to build upon that foundation to make the school a humanizing, caring place which students will experience as an extension of family and remember throughout their lives after graduation.

The Life of Relationship: Compassion and Moral Judgment

The graduate of Bishop Kelly High School has developed a strong sense of self worth and compassion for others which has led to the establishment of meaningful relationships. At the time of graduation, the Bishop Kelly student will demonstrate excellence in the following areas:

- an awareness of God's love by extending that love to self, family, friends and the communities to which she/he belongs;
- the ability to form good relationships and make responsible decisions based on Christian values;
- empathy for others, especially those from races, religions, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds different from his/her own;
- support the school community by actively participating in the life of the school, its mission and philosophy;
- a practical understanding of human behavior;
- a quest for balance and harmony in life, being able to establish personal boundaries while respecting others;
- an ability to reflect upon their own personal experiences in order to form judgments and make needed changes in their lives.

The Life of the Mind: A commitment to Wisdom and Lifelong Learning

The graduate of Bishop Kelly High School has developed the understanding that the pursuit of truth is an active, lifelong experience and that all education is ultimately self-education. At the time of graduation, the Bishop Kelly student will demonstrate excellence in the following areas:

- a capacity for critical thinking, questioning, and reflective problem solving;
- the ability to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information from different sources;
- a knowledge of technology as a learning resource;
- the evidence of original writing authorship for a variety of formats and disciplines;
- an understanding of methodologies in various subjects;
- creativity and imagination in personal expression;
- confidence in public speaking;
- personal organization and time management;
- work ethic and academic discipline;
- an appreciation for varying world views.