

How can school communities help to prepare young people to be responsible citizens in line with fundamental values such as peace and tolerance of diversity?

We must admit how important education is, especially after primary school when you are obliged to decide where to continue your education. The choice you make is very important and I have come to the conclusion that a Catholic school will educate me best of all schools.

Catholic schools give besides theoretical knowledge also moral fundamentals, which are necessary for life itself and your future actions. I dare to say that morality keeps the world in the right place. Catholic school system works this way. We become aware how necessary it is to be responsible and take responsibility for actions you have done otherwise system fails and chaos arises. If we use the services that a country gives us at our disposal, we must contribute to the community we live in or at least not destroy the effort put in that. Peace and tolerance are much emphasized conceptions as they are essential for living without conflicts and often we don't appreciate life in peace. We usually start to appreciate that when a war breaks out.

Nowadays globalization made our world seem smaller and so we are forced to tolerate people of different cultures, not saying that it is bad. Our school has a program of international exchange of students, so they travel abroad, stay at the host's family and during the exchange they visit their school and become familiar with their school system.

School communities carry responsibility to educate their students well and prepare them for the "real" life that waits outside the school doors so the education requires theoretical as well as practical knowledge, however, we must not forget fundamental values which are usually crucial for future action of an individual.

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