

St. Paul Catholic High School Summer Learning Experience

Excellence in Character and Mercy

Excellence is defined as: Achieving one's personal best and contributing to the success of our community.

Character is defined as: Living our Christian values with confidence and conviction.

Mercy is defined as: "lovingkindness." It requires unearned goodness towards others. It does not require accepting sin or intolerable actions, but calls for their correction.

Part I

Please select **3** of the first four categories below. Identify one different person or group that models this category. Defend your selection in a short explanation. Your explanation for each should be at least two paragraphs long and at least 12-18 sentences per paragraph. You may choose to write about people or groups you know personally. You may also select prominent figures or organizations those well-known in history. For those not known to you by personal experience, properly cite the sources of the information you gathered in your research. After completing the three areas you have selected, **you must then do categories #5 & #6.**

Feel free to research. Watch the news. Read newspapers or magazine articles.

1. Excellence of Character in the Environment
2. Excellence of Character in Politics
3. Excellence of Character in Education
4. Excellence of Character in the Arts
5. Excellence of Character with regards to Acts of Mercy
6. Excellence in your own life with regards to character and mercy.

Part II

Watch the movie *Les Misérables* (2012) (Rentable from iTunes, Amazon Video)

Upon returning to school in the fall, be prepared to discuss your choices and your impressions of the movie with your peers in a group setting. The written assignment will also be turned in after meeting with your group.