

# Themes Of The Spirit

The Formation Vision is enlivened through all of College life; particularly Reflection Days, Justice Initiatives and Liberating Partnerships.

Touchstone	Key Concepts	Year Group	Theme / Focus Area
Gospel Spirituality	Story of Jesus, Edmund Rice's story, our own story, Creator God, response from creation	5	Story – Jesus, Edmund and Me
		6	Creation
Inclusive Community	Right relationships; community, recognising the face of Christ on those in the margins; we eat at the same table	7	Right Relationships – transition
		8	Equality & Diversity, Gender, Sexuality & Respect for the Human Body
Justice & Solidarity	Involvement, better world, co-creation, justice, peace and solidarity, Catholic Social Teaching, sacred story, faith and action together	9	Action & Reflection
		10	Spirituality of Justice
Liberating Education	Liberation – connection between our own liberation and that of others; awareness, better world for all, beyond oppression, critical thinking, agents of change	11	Be Free; freedom from all things that keep us from being our best self – freedom comes from doing what is right.
		12	How do you give back and move forward?



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Our Spirituality evolves through time and our life experience. As members of the SPC community we commit to our ongoing formation as members of the Universal Church, the EREA network and our local St Patrick's context. We do so by living out the values of faith, hope and love, and we are guided and informed by the four touchstones and our heritage. The mission of the Christian Brothers, presence, compassion and liberation, informs our formation in faith, our commitment to inclusivity and our call to purpose.

# FORMATION VISION

*"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10*

## OUR TOUCHSTONES – SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

### Liberating Education

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8) [To live justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.]

"For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous in God's sight, but the doers of the law who will be justified." (Romans 2:13)



### Gospel Spirituality

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"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible... He himself is before all things and in him all things hold together." (Colossians 1:15-20)



### Inclusive Community

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

"Then Jesus said to him 'Today salvation has come to this house because he too is a son of Abraham.'" (Luke 19:9)

"... there is one body and one Spirit..." (Ephesians 4:4)



### Justice & Solidarity

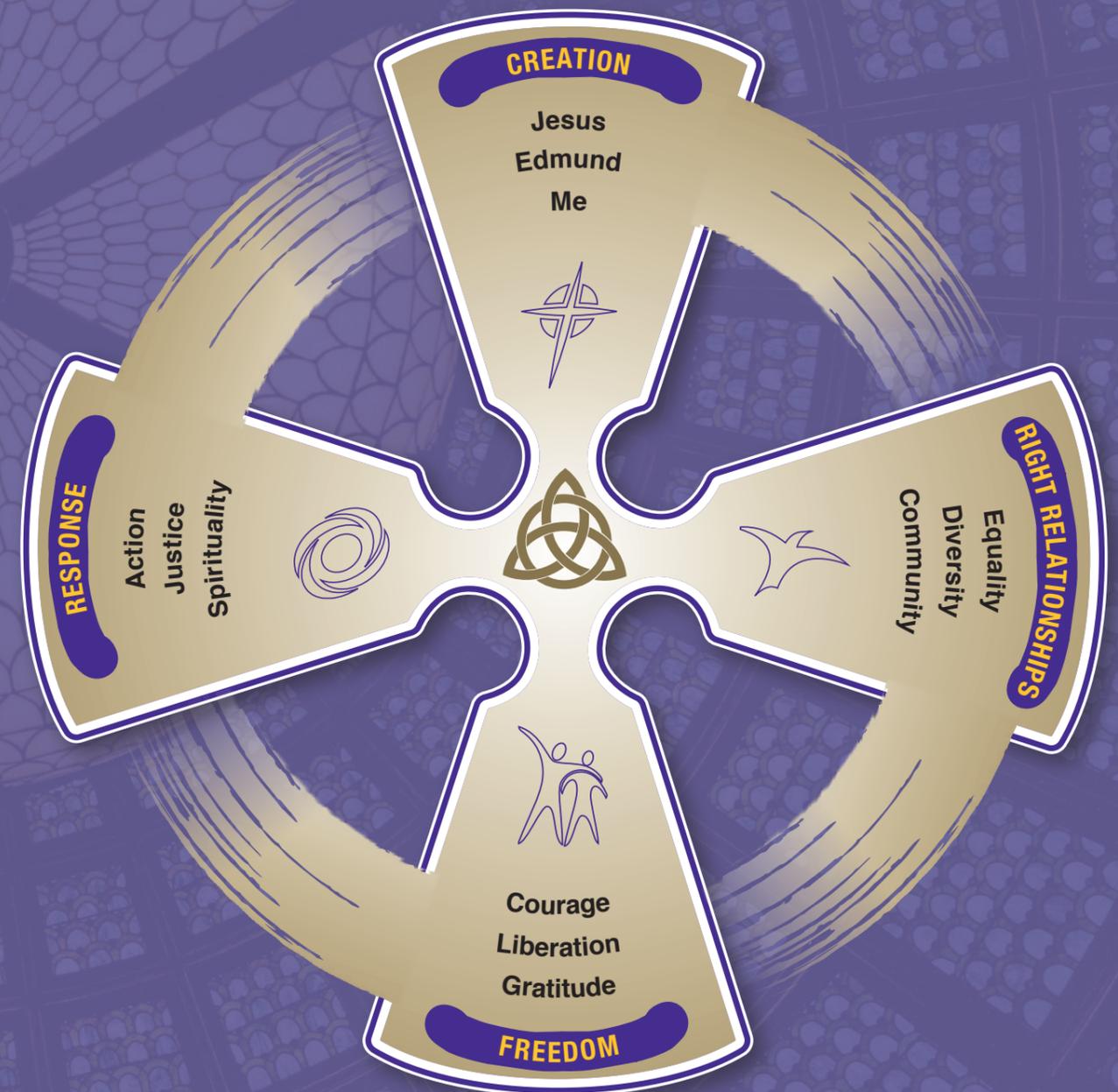
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (Matt 5:6)

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt 5:10)

"Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (John 8:7)

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you fulfil the law of Christ." (Gal 6:2)

"As you sow so shall you reap" (Gal 6:7)



# MISSION

As Christians our mission is to make Christ known to others. By engaging in community and authentic reflection we grow in understanding of self and the other.



## CREATION

We bring our own unique story, that of Jesus and of Blessed Edmund together as we search for the sacred through creation to explore our place in and our response to the created world.



## RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

Growing in our relationships we seek and recognise the face of Christ in ourselves and in each other as we celebrate our diversity and strive for equality in our community.

*Love*

*Wonder*

*Service*

*Inclusivity*

**JESUS**



## RESPONSE

We are called to work within and be a part of creation, challenging ourselves to work for justice, peace and solidarity with other people and the planet. Acknowledging that we are a small part of a bigger picture, we reflect on Jesus' mission and how we continue that through our actions.



## FREEDOM

Looking to role models in our lives, we express gratitude for the blessings we have received and give thanks for what is to come. Being liberated through recognising our unique and diverse gifts, we strive to be courageous as we live our authentic selves, contributing to a dynamic world.

*Justice*

## FORMATION

The path walked together, growing in faith and understanding our beliefs and strengthening our relationships with self, others, creation and God.

*Ours is the way of Edmund*

## SPIRITUALITY

The awakening of the Spirit within ourselves through our relationships. With challenge and surrender, in a dynamic context, we mature to embrace our whole self and reconcile our place in the world.