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LIVING OUT OUR CORE VALUES

Human beings enjoy a right to life and happiness, and endowed with unique dignity.

We live in a world of global change.

Our world is effected by technological changes, social exclusion, unemployment, an inequitable distribution and consumption of energy and other services, breakdowns in family and relationships, increased violence and social aggression, drugs, and loss of identity.

These issues are recognised across all societies and within our defence and protective services.

The effect of these transgressions on the mental and physical health of their members is well documented today. When they are called to intervene and protect citizens from those individuals or groups who transgress society's core ethical and moral beliefs, those who uphold the laws and legitimate authority of our society, see such transgressions as a betrayal of society's core values.

Parents who support their children when they take on leadership roles in sport or other organisations, see the need for their child to be mentally tough and resilient, because everything doesn't always go the way of right conduct.

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches a way of peace, justice and compassion, together with mercy, love and forgiveness, but he knows that not all people will accept these as the right way to live.

These are the values and the way of life, the goals, and priorities that our society strives for, though at times they can be challenging and demanding to maintain and may well bring misunderstanding and upset to others.

With the grace and strength of Christ in us, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can attain in our own lives these core gospel values, and as we live them, we bring peace to ourselves, and peace and goodwill to family, friends and community.

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