



Bulletin Board Ideas for the 12 Gardens of Stewardship

Garden of Citizenship

Grade 8

We are grateful to live in a country in which we have a 'Bill of Rights' to preserve and protect the rights of all of our citizens. We are blessed to have independent and nonprofit organizations, such as the Catholic Church, that share in the mission of promoting the rights of all people – especially those most marginalized and vulnerable.

Project

Discover how the Church, charitable and nonprofit organizations help to preserve and promote our government's rights for all people.

- Print hard copies of the Mission Statements (or Program Descriptions, Stated Goals, etc.) of various parishes, nonprofit and charitable organizations to distribute to students – see suggested instruction below.*
- Create title for bulletin board, such as shown below (options may include “Stewards of Our Citizenship”, “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness”, “Blessed is the Nation Whose God is the Lord” Psalms 33:12) Decorate with a patriotic border.
- Working in five separate groups, have each group of students create a title sheet for their section of the display – representing one each of five items from the Bill of Rights: Right to freedom of expression, Right to freedom of religion, Right to be treated equally, Right to be treated fairly, Right to vote. Consider using decorative paper purchased from an office supply store, Kinko's, etc.
- Have each group select printed Mission Statements that they think represent their group's Right and then highlight the portion that is most applicable to that Right.
- Post appropriate Mission Statements under each Rights section.

* The teacher may guide students through the Internet search if a computer lab is available. If not, the teacher may print hard copies of the pertinent information to give to students. To access mission statements, go to www.guidestar.org and enter a zip code and/or type in an organization (NAACP, MADD, League of Women Voters, United Way, etc). Click on "Read More" to see that organization's mission, description, goals, etc.

