



Giving Without Reservation

March 2019

The ego is a way of satisfying one's needs and putting the self above all else. It is but a natural thing to be self-centred from the time we enter the world, to the time we draw our last breath, because we want to serve our own interests.

Of course, there are times when people perform acts of charity. This is all well and good and I am thankful for the giving hearts that make a positive impact on the lives of others.

There are, however, people who live their lives as models of generosity all their lives. One person that immediately comes to my mind is our Foundress, St Magdalene of Canossa. She is most well-known for giving of herself without reservation – her time, energy and efforts to help the poor.

It is no easy transition to make from that perfectly natural self-centered nature to one that takes more pleasure in focusing on others. Consider the following scenarios:

- Your classmate asks for help with some school work and you have your own to-do list for school but you are the best person to help her.
- Your parents have had a hard day at work and could use some help with the housework. You have some homework to complete and you don't like housework.
- You are approached on the street by someone asking for spare changes but you are in a hurry.

What would you do in each of those situations? Being other-centered is not as easy as it looks. It takes time and it's inconvenient. Effort, time, money, and emotions are involved but it's worth the price because it makes a significant difference to lives of someone else, leaving their world a little better. Moving towards other-centeredness is a continuous effort. We will not arrive at the final destination, but it guides and encourages us to keep working at it.

How other-centered are you? What can you do today to move one small step closer in that direction?

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The Month of March

At a glance.....

Foundress Day Mass
1 March 2019 (Friday)

Student Leaders Investiture
1 March 2019 (Friday)

Canossian Awards Day
1 March 2019 (Friday)

Green Ambassador Community Outreach
2 March 2019 (Saturday)

Okuchi Meiko Visit
4 March 2019 (Monday)

Sec 3 English Language Oral Examination (PM)
5 and 7 March 2019 (Tuesday and Thursday)

Sec 4 & 5 MTL Oral Examination (PM)
5, 7 and 12 March 2019 (Tuesday, Thursday and Tuesday)

Sec 4E & 5N Geography Fieldwork (PM)
5 March 2019 (Tuesday)

Ash Wednesday Mass (AM)
6 March 2019 (Wednesday)

Sec 1 – 5 Weighted Assessment (Term 1)
7 and 8 March 2019 (Thursday and Friday)

Sec 3 Parents' Night
14 March 2019 (Thursday)

Jogathon
15 March 2019 (Friday)

Sec 3 HMTL, 4NA 'O', 4E & 5N MTL & MTL B Common Test
18 March 2019 (Monday)

Arts Alive Tech Run
19 March 2019 (Tuesday)

Sec 4N Category A Elective Modules
25 to 28 March 2019 (Monday to Thursday)

Sec 2 Camp CORRI
27 March 2019 (Wednesday)

Sec 1, 2, 4 & 5 Camp CORRI / Youth Misson
28 and 29 March 2019 (Thursday and Friday)