



EDMUND RICE EDUCATION
AUSTRALIA

With Head, Heart, Hands & Feet

A Framework
for Educating for
Justice & Peace

The Art of Justice & Peace Education

Edmund Rice Education Australia strives to offer a **liberating education**, based on a **gospel spirituality**, within an **inclusive community**, committed to **justice and solidarity**. These touchstones provide the foundation for Edmund Rice schools to educate for justice and peace, and offer hope to a world where the dignity of humanity and the integrity of creation is often diminished. An holistic approach to justice and peace education includes an integration of head, heart, hands and feet.

Head – *Reading the Signs of the Times*



Justice and peace education helps young people to:

- > develop the skills of critical thinking and analysis, dialogue and community building
- > have the expertise and academic understanding of the issues facing our world
- > understand the structural causes of injustice
- > have a language and literacy of justice and peace

Heart – *Nurturing Gospel Compassion*



Justice and peace education helps young people to:

- > draw on scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and the wisdom of all faith traditions in understanding the world
- > nurture a deep sense of the spiritual in their lives and develop a personal relationship with Jesus
- > build respectful relationships of solidarity with those who are made poor by society
- > cultivate an awareness of their own giftedness
- > appreciate and value the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture
- > engage in prayer and reflection

Hands – *Undertaking Prophetic Action*



Justice and peace education helps young people to:

- > engage in service and solidarity with those on the margins, both locally and globally
- > undertake immersions and partnership programs that connect them with other cultures
- > develop the skills and attributes of connecting and collaborating with others in community
- > support faith-based advocacy for just causes
- > see themselves as being agents of change for a better world

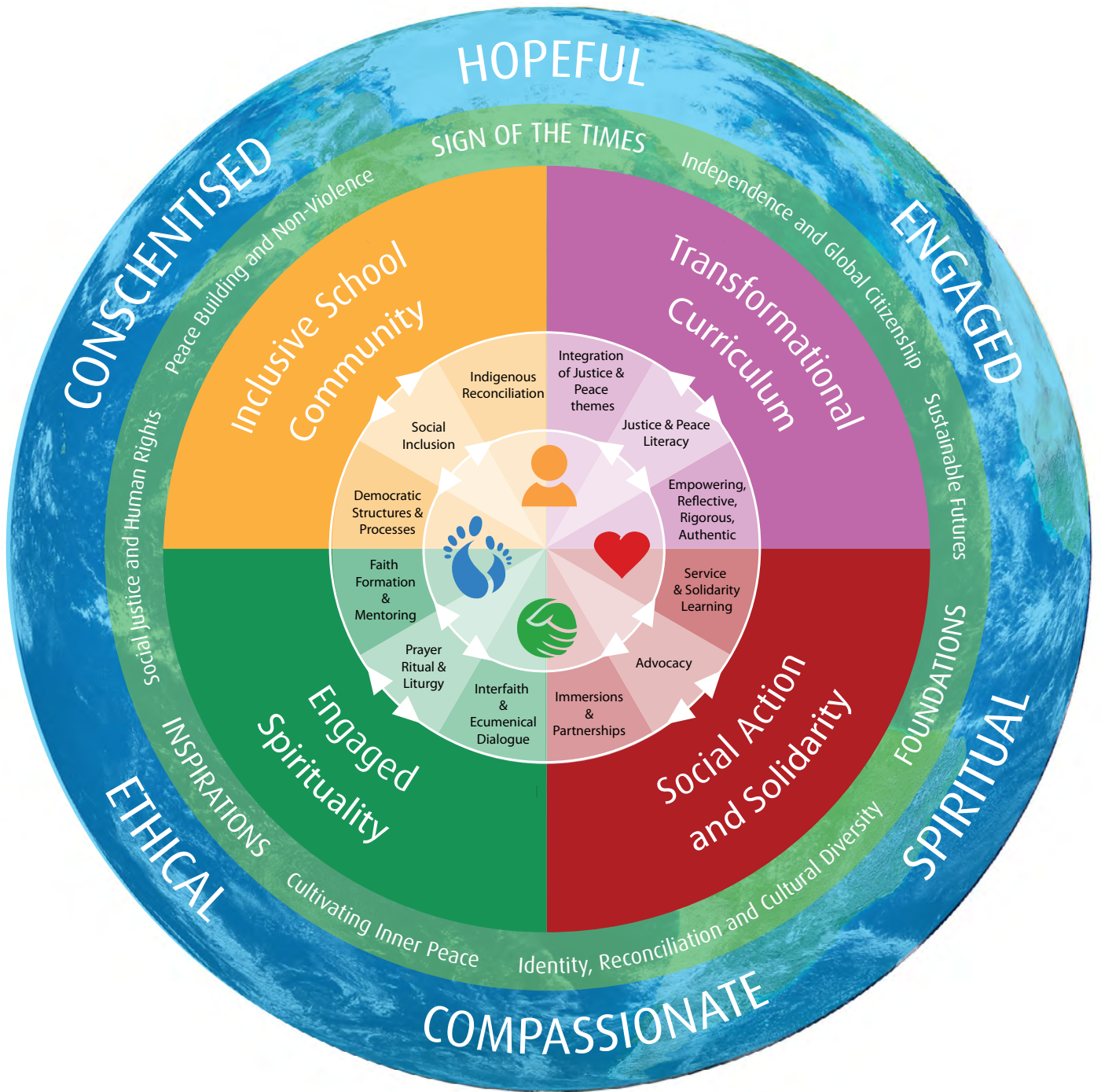
Feet – *Moving to Solidarity*



Justice and peace education helps young people to:

- > move to new places in their thinking and understanding
- > spend time in the margins of society, learning with, from and about others
- > explore career options and life-choices that benefit all of the global community
- > move to a place of hope that a better world is possible

Educating for Justice & Peace Framework



A Spirituality of Justice & Peace

“
Let us not develop an education that creates in the mind of the student a hope of becoming rich and having the power to dominate [but one that forms] the lofty ideal of loving, of preparing oneself to serve and to give oneself to others.
”

Archbishop Oscar Romero

“
In every suffering brother and sister that we embrace, we embrace the suffering Body of Christ.
”

Pope Francis

“
Those who teach justice shall be like the stars forever.
”

Daniel 12:3

“
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
”

St Francis of Assisi

“
I prefer a church that is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and clinging to its own security.
”

Pope Francis

“
Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.
”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“
This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own.
”

Is 58: 6-7

“
It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment. Others are passive; they choose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent. So what they all need is an “ecological conversion”, whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them.
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Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.

Laudato Si 217

“
To evangelise is to make the kingdom of God present in our world.
”

Evangelii Gaudium n176

“
Were we to know the merit and value of only going from one street to another to serve a neighbour for the love of God, we should prize it more than silver and gold.
”

Blessed Edmund Rice



“
In our language (there is) a quality called dadirri. It is inner, deep listening and quiet, still awareness. Dadirri recognises the deep spring that is inside us. We call on it and it calls to us. This is the gift that Australia is thirsting for.
”

Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann

“
God made us for goodness, love and compassion. Our lives are transformed as much as the world is when we live with these truths
”

Desmond Tutu

“
If you have come here to help me you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.
”

Lilla Watson

“
Spirituality without a prayer life is no spirituality at all, and it will not last beyond the first defeats. Prayer is an opening of the self so that the Word of God can break in and make us new. Prayer unmasks. Prayer converts. Prayer impels. Prayer sustains us on the way. Pray for the grace it will take to continue what you would like to quit.
”

Joan Chittister OSB

“
Today's prime educational objective must be to form men-and-women-for-others... who cannot even conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbors.
”

Pedro Arrupe sj

“
To believe in God is not just to love life but to work so there is life.
”

Jon Sobrino sj



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