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CCSJ makes plea for modesty in dress and 'good' behaviour during Carnival

The Catholic Commission for Social Justice make a special plea to all persons to dress modestly and behave in a manner that is commensurate with our inherent human dignity at all times, particularly during the Carnival season. The Catholic Church believes that the dignity of the human person is the starting point for a moral vision for society.

T&T comprise many faith communities that provide some kind of code of conduct/standard as a point of reference/framework within which these faith communities strive to build the character of our people.

In spite of this the moral fabric of our society is being seriously eroded. All is not lost, though. While some citizens have strayed from the moral and spiritual values that should guide our lives, there are many who strive to live virtuous lives – in a society/world in which the word 'virtue' is almost a 'bad' word. Modesty is a moral virtue.

Martin Luther King said: "The time is always right to do what is right." Don't compromise your values and principles. It is not right to dress immodestly or to behave in an indecent manner. Indeed, it is an offence against God to do so, since we are made in His image and likeness.

We can all enjoy ourselves during Carnival while being true to our 'best' selves. And beware of consuming too much alcohol. This can impair your judgement and can lead to reckless behaviour.

Let us strive to be positive role models; let our actions be such that others will wish to emulate us – particularly the youths in our communities.

During this Carnival season practise the 3 R's of integrity: Respect for self; Respect for others; and Responsibility for all your actions; and pray incessantly for God's grace to live virtuous lives.

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