

M2 chooses to advance women

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To advance the women

To encourage the full participation of girls and young women in education.



Grade M2 at Gonzaga International school chooses to advance the position of women in society. In the months leading up to the Jesuit Education Network’s audience with the pope, M2 students have dedicated their time to studying the Global Compact on Education as set forth by Pope Francis. From the ‘7 Commitments’, they have chosen the third one as their object of inquiry and investigation. Discussing and debating the role of women in modern society, the reflections below are testimonies to the moral imperative of valorizing women in the sphere of education.

I think that we should advance women in society because women have the same ability as men in many ways, and valorising women in society can lead to an improvement of society. For example there will be a huge increase in the economy. Also gender equality prevents violence against women. To sum up, gender equality will create equal enjoyment by women and men of socially-valued goods, opportunities, resources and rewards. Francine Pickup, the Resident Representative of UNDP in Serbia has said, “Women are agents of change. When we play an active role in decision-making, when we contribute our ideas, our knowledge and our experience to the economy, and when we have lives free of violence – we bring progress to the whole society. Let’s step up our efforts for gender equality.”

Without women, nothing is possible for men. There are significant differences in terms of the involvement of women and men in family life, the tasks they perform, and the responsibilities they assume. Women are the basic unit of society. They make a family, family makes a home, home makes a society and ultimately societies makes a country. The contribution of a woman is everywhere, from giving birth to a child to the care they give them for their whole life. We can advance women in society by promoting the rights and status of women through political and economic empowerment and legal protection against abuse.

We should advance the position of women in society because no one group should have a higher status or position in society than the other. Everybody should be equal because otherwise it’s not fair. If women tried the work that the men do, maybe more people would discover that they are very capable and can do what are currently classified as “men’s” jobs. We could work toward this equality by making women do the same jobs that men do and by improving their rights.

Advancing women in society is important for achieving sustainable development and creating a peaceful world. Gender equality and women's power are necessary for social justice,

economic progress, democracy, and peace. To advance women in society, we need to add laws, policies, budgets, and institutions that promote gender equality. Ways to give women a greater voice in society could be political representation, training of future women leaders and working together without prejudice.

I think that women should be advanced in society because they have the same abilities as men. The world could be better by equalizing the social standing of men and women, which would in turn stabilize the world. We can do this by increasing women's pay checks to make them equal to men and provide job opportunities. We can also do this by making women do things like be a pope or a jesuit.

We should advance women in society because they are as important as men. They don't deserve to be treated differently than men. They should have the same rights as men and be paid equally as men, because in the end we are equal and no one should be treated differently. In the workplace, why should we make distinctions between the genders or differentiate jobs for men and women? An example is when people say that a firefighter is a job for men, not for women, or that women have to clean and stay at home. We can advance women in society by eliminating prejudice. Make the wedges higher and not differentiate jobs for men and for women. Get women into power, as politicians, rulers of countries, and normalize women doing "men" things.