

# Year 6

# The Dignity of Work

**BIG QUESTION: How can we aim high?**



Research some of the great Cathedrals that were built in this country hundreds of years ago. Can you find out how the great Cathedrals were built? It would take many years and thousands of workers to build a single cathedral. Many would work their entire lives knowing that they would never get to see the finished cathedral. Sometimes we all work for something that we will never see finished.

We may only contribute one small part to a big project, but all building is made up of thousands of small parts, each essential for the bigger picture.



## Key Vocab

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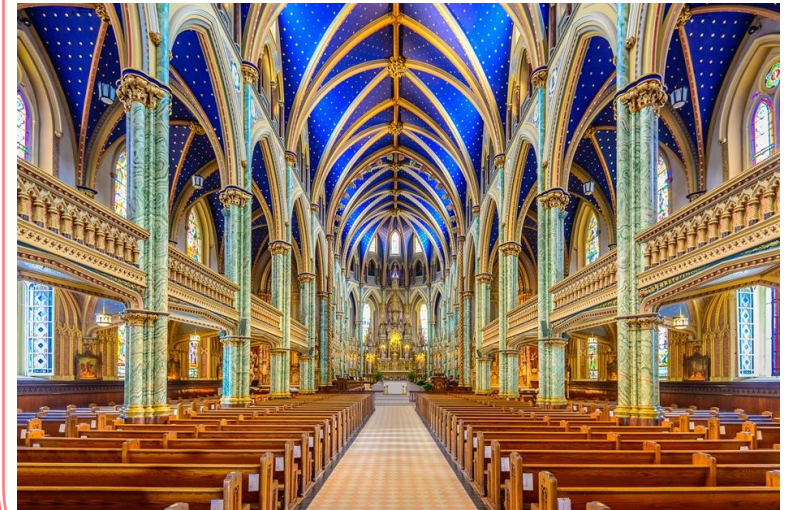
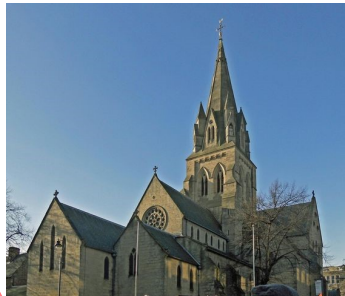
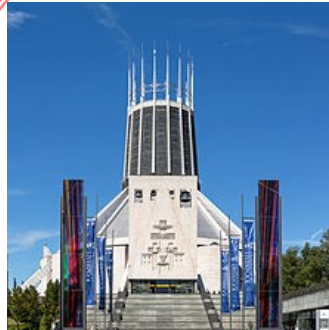
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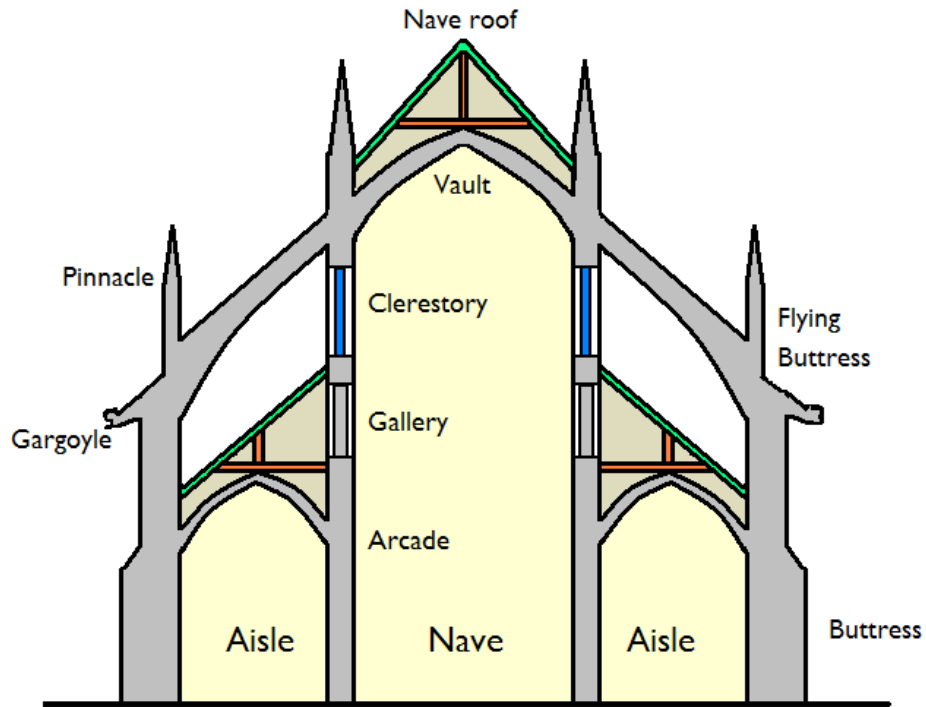
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## A Stone Cutter's Short Story

There was once a traveller who journeyed all over the globe in search of wisdom and enlightenment. In the midst of one village, he came upon a great deal of noise, dust and commotion. He approached the nearest labourer and asked, "Excuse me I am not from this village, may I ask what is going on here?" The labourer replied curtly, "Can't you see? I'm busting rocks."

The traveller approached a second labourer doing the same thing and asked the same question. The second labourer replied, "Can't you see? I'm earning a living to support my family." The traveller then approached a third labourer who was also breaking up rocks and posed the question a third time. With a broad smile and a gleam in his eye, the third labourer replied with great pride, "Can't you see? We're building a Cathedral?"

**What do you think of the story? What do we learn from the attitude of each of the three builders? Think about the ways in which you could build up the life of your parish by working together on different projects.**

**Make a list of your ideas.**

**Carry out some research into the different areas of work and employment in your area. Who are the main employers? What kind of work do people do in these jobs? How do people feel about their work? Which of the jobs that people do can you link to the Cathedral story and apply the vision of the third builder to?**

**"We are fellow workers with God." (1 Corinthians 3:8)**

**Task: Create a mural entitled "The dignity of our work together"**

**Compose your own reflections on the dignity of our work.**