

## The Golden Rule

*So always treat others as you would like them to treat you; that is the meaning of the Law and the Prophet.* Matthew 7:12

In today's world the culture is a fragmented one. People tend to judge one another and to mentally classify others. In Ireland, this shows up in the ways in which we relate to one another. For example, how do we relate to people of a different background, skin colour, religion, gender, ethnic group? We would like to think that we relate to all with respect and esteem; but do we? If so, why are Travellers experiencing a much poorer quality of life than the majority of Irish people? Why are people of colour experiencing racism?

*Love is always patient and kind;*

*It is never jealous;*

*Love is not boastful or conceited;*

*It is never rude or selfish;*

*It does not take offence, and is not resentful.*

*Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth.*

*It is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.*

*Love does not come to an end.*

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

**A thought:** "If you want to know if you love the other as yourself, ask yourself if you have done everything you can to make sure that everyone in society has what you have and take for granted: insurance, food, housing, a job, education." (Sr. Joan Chittister)

