

VISION STATEMENT

*The fundamental purpose of Catholic schools is to advance
the educational mission of the Church!*



Catholic schools educate diverse student bodies to form Catholic, person-centered learning communities; provide quality teaching through traditional and innovative educational programs infused with Catholic Social Teachings; involve students to serve and support parish life and the local civic communities; graduate students who are critical thinkers, productive moral citizens, and spiritual leaders; and recognize and appreciate parents as the primary educators of their children.

COMMON THREADS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY:

We believe that the Catholic identity of our schools is richly expressed through the living example and actions of the members of the school community. Prayer, the sacramental life of the community, the celebration of our Catholic traditions, and the symbols of our faith are central to the mission of Catholic school education. The integration of moral teachings throughout the Catholic school curriculum and the commitment to living those teachings through social action are fundamental. Our schools are staffed by faculty members who give witness to their faith and call their students to do the same. In this tradition, Catholic schools embody the teachings of Jesus Christ and the mission of the Church. Our schools are open to people of all faiths, cultures, and socioeconomic levels. The schools strive to form a bond with the parishes and communities that they serve.

QUALITY CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

We believe that the unique value of a Catholic education stems from a program of studies integrating Catholic faith formation with a curriculum that prepares students for academic excellence and challenges them to reach their full potential. Highly qualified, dedicated faculty partner with parents, the primary educators of their children, to effectively model “faith in action” and encourage students to celebrate their unique gifts and to live their faith. Students are nurtured in a safe and disciplined environment that is conducive to learning and are encouraged to witness to their faith in the broader community through a commitment to social action. Catholic schools teach students of all faiths, cultures and socioeconomic levels to be lifelong learners and responsible citizens of their local communities and a global society.

ACCESSIBILITY:

We believe that a quality Catholic school education must be accessible to all students. The lack of financial resources for tuition and other costs, and transportation limitations, should not be obstacles for families who seek a Catholic school education for their children. We believe each Catholic school provides a safe environment that welcomes and celebrates diversity, embracing ethnic, cultural, religious and economic differences, and in the process, produces the future leaders of our Church and community. Catholic schools must continue to welcome all those who seek the opportunities that we offer. We must explore new school models and new funding sources to enhance accessibility, for the economically disadvantaged as well as the disabled; and must advocate to acquire greater local, state and federal resources in order to strengthen the viability of our schools.

ADVANCEMENT:

We believe that advancement activities are critical to the ongoing success of our Catholic schools and must be supported by the entire Catholic community, including parishes with and without schools. Enhanced marketing efforts, both Archdiocesan and local, strengthen this support while providing schools with greater visibility to achieve full enrollment. A network of advancement information, resources and best practices, shared across the Archdiocese, further enhances all Catholic schools, individually and collectively. Planning for the long-term vitality and viability of Catholic schools is the most significant challenge facing administrators and school boards. For this reason, we believe the priests, school leaders, board members and all who actively support Catholic schools have a great opportunity to be collaborative agents for change in advancing the mission of Catholic schools.