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Educational Philosophy

The purpose of a catholic education is to allow students to encounter God who reveals himself in love and truth. I believe that students should be provided an environment where students are enabled to build and deepen their relationship with God and to foster academic growth in the pursuit of truth. As a catholic educator I constantly promote virtues of wisdom, patience, and perseverance. Ultimately, a catholic education should prepare students to be good stewards of God's gifts and active people of faith who serve others, make a difference in the world, and participate in their faith and communities.

As a Catholic educator, I have a special responsibility to encourage each student to achieve their maximum potential. I am called to assist students to see the relevance of Christian values in their lives. I am called to help students learn and relate knowledge to of the news of salvation. I am called to enable students to grow in a sense of self-worth and accountability as they become a maturing Christian. I am called to develop the students' knowledge and understanding of the subjects for what we are responsible for. This faith filled environment instills high degrees of self-confidence, self-respect and self-discipline among students.

As a catholic educator I believe that the individual needs of all students should be met. In a catholic school we do this because children are created in God's image with their various gifts and talents. We are to provide the resources necessary for every child to fulfill their own God given calling. Students are instructed in decision making skills, develop high levels of literacy and mathematics, inquiry based experimentation and problem solving, and build and appreciate world history and cultures. Students emerge from our school with a strong education that is supported by technology and focused on the skills needed for today and tomorrow.

The global awareness I instruct, involves learning and gaining knowledge about cultures and people of the world, stimulating authentic experiences of those cultures, and developing respect for all people. As a catholic educator I continually take time for students to share and celebrate their heritage within the classroom. Literature is shared from vast cultural backgrounds. Students research and present their own ethnic culture and those cultures are celebrated throughout the year.

Within my mission, our catholic school aspires to nurture the faith of all those involved in educational process: the pastor, the administrators, the students, the teachers and the families who make up the school community. The whole community helps every member grow in faith. Parents are drawn into the religious activities of their children. School wide mass celebrations, weekly mass, daily readings of the scripture and catechism is instructed. From this knowledge parent, students and teachers are enriched in their faith. Our community is then called to share their philosophy and be a living witness to all.