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I feel my job as an instructor is to create an atmosphere that fosters learning. I am an instructor in a Catholic school because I have a passion for guiding students through the discovery of learning process and can incorporate my belief in God into all we do in the classroom.

One of the best ways to foster learning is to demonstrate those feelings to my students. I encourage learning by creating a relaxed environment for students, stimulating conversation about concepts being presented and organizing material in a way that makes it easiest to understand. I treat subject matter as interconnected, emphasizing that everything students are learning fits together into a holistic understanding of the world, from which they develop their personal worldview. I believe this is best accomplished when I am tapping into creative ways of thinking and methodology. I demonstrate that learning how to find and understand information applies to all areas of life and using topics and examples that are multidisciplinary is a great vehicle for this.

Finally, I believe that respect for my students is one of the most important things I can model. Not only does this encourage their openness to the material I am presenting, but will also inspire them to respect each other in a truly Christian manner.