



## **Saint Joseph Catholic School Mission Statement**

Our mission is to create a spiritual community of learning that educates and inspires students to reach their God-given potential

### **Saint Joseph Philosophy**

As a Catholic school, Saint. Joseph is philosophically committed to the full holistic development of each unique child. We believe that such development is best achieved in a student-centered atmosphere where parent, child and teacher act as a team with the parent being recognized as the primary educator, the teacher as the facilitator of the learning process and the child as an active participant. We further believe that this development must be laced with the Christian concepts of community service and responsibility.

St. Joseph is also committed to being a Catholic school, joining families of various backgrounds and utilizing such diversity as an educational tool. As an institution with strong parish ties, we are committed to the full development of each person's individual capacities and to the motivation of each person to use those developed gifts for others. We are ever mindful of the spiritual, intellectual, psychological, social, physical and aesthetic goals of our mission.

**Spiritually**, we aspire for all students to gain an authentic understanding of doctrine and a reverent and respectful regard for God's creation.

**Intellectually**, we aim for the fullest possible development of all of the God-given talents of each child as a member of the human community, seeking age appropriate mastery of content and basic skills and an ever-growing ability to reason reflectively, logically and critically. We hope students acquire the desire for intellectual development that will contribute to each child becoming a lifelong learner.

**Psychologically**, we aim for an internalization of the values of self-discipline, citizenship, cooperation, and social responsibility that prepare all students for the active life commitment to others.

**Socially**, we aim for each child to gain an appreciation of a multiplicity of cultures so as to prepare to be a member of family, church, civic, economic and global communities. In this way we seek to build a community, which is indeed living, conscious and active. This community would be based on reverence, respect and responsibility, with service to others as a primary value.

**Physically**, we aim for each child to develop skills and habits necessary to the formation of a balanced person, one who recognizes healthy physical development as imperative to holistic harmony, and who recognizes sport as an opportunity for the individual to learn to contribute to the greater advantage of the group.

**Aesthetically**, we aim to enrich the creative, intuitive and imaginative dimensions of each student, dimensions that enrich learning, are essential in the formation of the whole person and are a way to discover God as revealed through the beauty of creation.

At Saint. Joseph Catholic School our ideal is to join together persons who are intellectually competent, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice in generous service to the community.