

5 Marks of a Catholic School

Mark 1 Created in the Image of God

In a Catholic school we...

- Believe that each person is created in the image of God
- Know that each person has an eternal destiny
- Embrace the dignity of all
- Recognize and celebrate the gifts and talents of others
- Allocate resources to support and enhance the well being and the physical, emotional, academic and spiritual development of staff and students

Mark 2 Catholic Worldview

In a Catholic school we...

- Share a Catholic worldview through activities and events
- Create physical spaces in our schools that reflect our Catholic perspective
- Foster a Catholic worldview of reflection, service and sacramentality
- Make decisions rooted in Gospel teaching
- Embed sacramental routines (prayer, mass, liturgies, scripture and worship) and reminders in the culture of the school and district

Mark 3 Faith Permeation

In a Catholic school we...

- Incorporate a religious dimension in all learning
- Advocate for a sacred perspective within a secular context
- Encourage a critical evaluation of contemporary culture,
- Provide opportunities for staff to develop their abilities to infuse faith into curriculum and pedagogy
- Teach Catholic values by fostering a love for wisdom and truth

Mark 4 Witness

In a Catholic school we...

- Witness to others a life lived in relationship with Jesus
- Participate actively in the life of the Church
- Pray personally and lead others in prayer
- Demonstrate a knowledge of faith and commit to faith development
- Create a vision for evangelization and ministry

Mark 5 Community

In a Catholic school we...

- Live in community, spiritual unity and relationship
- Recognize that God will be found in each other
- Foster reconciliation
- Develop priorities and protocols to address the needs of the marginalized
- Honor parents/guardians as primary partners in education