

PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

- (C) CHRIST-CENTERED** – Catholic Education fosters a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in the family of the Church; our faith in Christ is evident and permeates all facets of the educational environment.

- (A) APOSTOLIC** – Catholic Education is founded on and guided by the truth of the Gospel, beginning with the apostles and handed on by the Pope and bishops.

- (T) TRADITION** – Catholic Education guides us in the selection of excellent content, pedagogy and resources for the transmission of the faith in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition.

- (H) HOLY** – Catholic Education draws upon scripture, the sacraments and prayer to help us to respond to the universal call to holiness.

- (O) ONE** – Catholic Education responds to Christ’s desire “that they may all be one” (John 17.21) in our belief of one body, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.

- (L) LOVE** – Catholic Education calls us to witness that God is love; and therefore, recognizes the inherent dignity of every human person, especially the marginalized and most vulnerable.

- (I) INALIENABLE*** – Catholic Education promotes that “the right and the duty of parents to educate their children are primordial and inalienable” and “parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children” (CCC 2221, 2223).

- (C) COMMUNION / COMMUNITY** – Catholic Education is inclusive and welcoming where every student is nurtured in developing a right relationship with God and others.

* Inalienable (def’n) – this responsibility cannot be transferred to another