

CURRICULUM

We follow the The Six Tasks of Catechesis recommended by the USCCB in the The National Directory for Catechesis. The school requires that all students participate in its religious education program.

1. Promote knowledge of the faith – Teach the “basics” of the faith as revealed in the signs of creation, Sacred Scripture, Catholic tradition and human experience.
2. Liturgical Education – Teach about the form and meaning of the liturgy and the sacraments and help individuals prepare their minds and hearts to enter into these mysteries of our faith.
3. Moral Formation – Teach the moral teachings of the Church which are the fulfillment of the Commandments.
4. Teaching to Pray – Teach that a “climate of prayer” and participation in prayer invites individuals into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
5. Education for Community Life – Teach that the human person needs to live in society. Society is not optional, but a requirement of human nature.
6. Missionary Initiative – Teach that all Christian service is an expression of love and is performed by Christians for the purpose of building up the Kingdom of God on earth.

JUNIOR HIGH CURRICULUM

For grades 7 and 8, the Religion courses in Junior High School are designed to offer a solid foundation in the basic teachings of Christianity, provide an introduction to both the Old and New Testament scriptures, and address the questions naturally arising in a young person’s faith life. The religion courses are taught on the firm and explicit basis of the School's Catholic identity. Thus all students profit from them, and the Catholic students receive training, encouragement and guidance in the understanding and practice of their faith. Because of the various backgrounds of the students entering (both Catholic and non-Catholic), the program starts with two years of catechetical instruction: basic doctrine in the first year, structured according to the Apostles' Creed; and Christian living in the second year, involving the study of Christian morality and the Church's worship (sacraments and liturgy). The courses acquaint them with the necessary historical introductions to the books of the Bible and guide them through the most important texts of both testaments.