Mission Statement of the Catholic Schools and Early Childhood Centers

The mission of the schools and early childhood centers of the Diocese of Raleigh is to engage our school/center communities in creating quality education within a Catholic environment that fosters the current and future development of the whole child.

Goals of Catholic Schools

The goals of Catholic Schools, message, community, service and worship are consonant with those expressed in To Teach as Jesus Did (1973). Catholic Schools are to make "faith become living, conscious, and active, through the light of instruction." Primarily, Catholic Schools are delegated to further the command of Jesus "to teach all nations." To teach the children is to present Jesus' "good news", the gospel message in word and example. Children are instructed in Catholic doctrine, values, and moral standards. The religious and academic message is experienced in community shared by the people of the school environment and expanded in service to the broader local and civic community. Worship and celebration are means of offering thanks and praise to God who has gifted people with freedom to grow and develop in a constantly changing world.

Objectives of Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools provide environments in which students:

- Grow in personal faith response through prayer and worship
- Learn Catholic tradition and current Catholic teaching
- Develop a functional moral code based on recognition of one's God given dignity
- Acquire and apply the knowledge and skills that will equip the students to be active, participating citizens in a technological age
- Respond to needs of others through service to school, Church, and community
- Gain the information and values necessary for an appreciation of family life and human sexuality
- Demonstrate social responsibility and awareness of global interdependence
- Understand and appreciate various cultures by growing in the understanding of social problems concerning race, poverty, and religion
- Recognize the responsibility to be good stewards of the environment
- Experience the joy of learning
- Develop creative expression and appreciation for the arts
- Acquire and apply the knowledge and skills necessary to promote intellectual, physical, emotional, and spiritual growth

- Learn and use basic skills in all areas of the curriculum
- Apply critical thinking skills
- Develop both cognitive and effective communication skills
- Develop interpersonal relationship skills in an atmosphere which encourages responsibility and appreciation for one another
- Learn through relevant materials and situations that recognize and address individual learning styles