



Diocese of Oakland

Mission Statement

Schools in the Diocese of Oakland provide students with a quality education rooted in the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ, Catholic TRADITION, and SERVICE to the COMMUNITY of Faith.

Philosophy of Catholic Education

The Catholic elementary and secondary schools within the Diocese of Oakland are the expression of the educational ministry of the parishes, religious congregations and the Diocese itself. Under the authority of the Bishop, the schools share a common Christian vision, resources and responsibilities as they strive to serve the youth that are reflective of the diverse cultural, ethnic and economic population of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The Diocese and individual schools are committed to include the poor in Catholic school education.

The tenets and the tradition of the Catholic faith are an integral component of the philosophy and goals of each school. All facets of Catholic education contribute to the faith development of the students and reflect the commitment to teach and model Catholic principles founded in the liberating love of Jesus Christ and the Good News as proclaimed by the Roman Catholic Church in contemporary society.

The schools prepare youth to respect the sacred dignity of the person as an individual and as a responsible member of a community and also enable students to translate the Good News into action within a challenging and disciplined environment provided by caring and capable teachers.

Finally, schools acknowledge that parents, who have the primary responsibility for the moral and religious development of their children, are partners with the parishes and the entire Christian Community in the continuing education process. Together they participate in the development of the schools policies, curricula, and budgetary process based on Christian values within the constraints of the local school resources.

Consequently, Catholic schools are committed to provide:

- a. activities that allow students to experience prayer and liturgy;
- b. quality educational opportunities for for students of varied academic abilities;
- c. financial aid programs to assist those families unable to assume full financial responsibilities for tuition;
- d. opportunities for students to serve others in order to fulfill the mandate of Gospel and demands of justice and to recognize that society requires the cooperation and contribution of each of its members.

It is this sense of common purposes which inspires each school community to strive to meet the challenges of goals set by the Catholic Bishops of the United States: "To be communities of faith in which the Christian message, the experience of community, worship, and social concern are integrated in the total experience of students, their parents, and the members of the faculty."

([Sharing the Light of Faith](#) - National Catechetical Directory)