

Mission and Catholic Identity Reflection

St. George Catholic School expresses a commitment to Catholic Identity through a visible mission statement lived throughout the entire school community. The mission statement guides the actions of the governing body and provides the framework for decision making, planning and policy strategy of the leadership team. Students are brought closer to the Lord through Religion Education classes that are taught five days a week by certified catechists guided by a curriculum that meets Diocesan requirements. In addition to daily prayer and weekly school wide Liturgy, students express their faith and Catholic culture through participation in the Living Rosary, Living Stations, Religion Fair, Litany of the Saints, Epiphany Play, May Crowning, and St. Joseph's Alter. Monthly service projects provide opportunities for the entire school community to put action into service for social justice. The St. George Catholic School leadership team provides faculty and staff opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal through prayer, weekly Mass, Adoration, and retreat. The leadership team also provides opportunities for parents to grow in knowledge and faith in collaboration with parish church programs and events. The administrators, faculty and staff of St. George Catholic School serve as Catholic, Christian role models and servant leaders of the school community.

St. George Catholic School constantly strives to grow and improve in areas of need. Although the mission statement is reviewed annually, a procedure for reviewing, clarifying, editing and renewing needs to be developed. Better communication and education of the mission statement's purpose and meaning to the school community needs to be implemented. Integration of the Catholic faith across all subject areas needs to be incorporated. Consistent support needs to be offered to parents in their role as primary faith educators.

The mission statement for St. George Catholic School will continue to be displayed in all classrooms and in the reception area of the Front Office, as well as on brochures, public relations/advertisement materials, report cards and the school's website. The mission statement is and will be referenced by the governing body and leadership teams as the foundation for all planning and decision making. St. George Catholic School will continue to provide a progressive curriculum to all students and promote faith development through Liturgy, prayer and service. All staff members are considered catechists and will continue to strive for higher standards for religious education through faith formation, service and living their Catholic faith.

Strategies for improvement will include the adoption of a written procedure for annual review and renewal of the mission statement. Education to increase the understanding and knowledge of the mission statement will be implemented. Professional and spiritual development will focus on educating teachers on strategies to integrate our Catholic faith across all curricular areas. A recommendation will be made to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge to author and adopt core religious curriculum standards for use by all Diocesan schools. Parents will be highly encouraged to attend class Mass, read and reflect on Principal Nelson's article in Dragon Tales and attend Parish Mission.