

St. Anselm Parish Philosophy of Catholic Education

Philosophy:

St. Anselm Parish School of Religion is dedicated to a Catholic Philosophy of Education. We guide our students in learning about our Catholic faith, in celebrating as a Catholic community and in reaching out in love and service to others. In cooperation with the parents, who are the primary religious educators of their children, our students in our program will become knowledgeable and devout Catholics thus becoming mature individuals with Catholic ideals and values.

Mission Statement of PSR Faculty:

We the faculty of St. Anselm Parish, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit are called to proclaim the mission, message and spirit of the good news of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mission Promise:

We dedicate ourselves to evangelization, catechesis and ongoing formation on all levels with an awareness of our responsibilities and privileges to this community. We affirm our call to bring the message of Jesus to all in St. Anselm Parish and extend ourselves to the building of the Kingdom of God.

Goals of the Religious Education Program:

1. Joyfully proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to students and all members of the parish community.
2. Develop the sense of a loving, caring, praying community among students, parents and all parishioners.
3. Lead students and parents in a deepening self-awareness and faith commitment, a faith that is living and active and permeates all of life.
4. Enable students and all parishioners to reach out in loving service to others.

Objectives:

1. Develop programs that will nourish faith growth appropriate for all age levels.
2. Facilitate the spiritual growth in regard to sacramental programs for students and parents and sponsors.
3. Encourage and support one another as catechists in the forming of a faith community which by word and example spreads the message of Christ.
4. Aid the faith growth of parents as they guide their children's religious development.
5. Provide students with opportunities for prayer, reconciliation and other seasonal celebrations.
6. Provide students with opportunities of involvement in social justice concerns, vocation/ministry, human sexuality and respect life issues.
7. Provide informative communication and evaluation methods with parents and parishioners.

8. Provide a safe environment for all children and youth as we implement Archdiocesan Protecting God's Children Program and Safe Child and Safe Touch policies.