



Catholic Education and Life

The life and activities of the school are to be filled and governed by the Spirit of the Gospel. They are to flow out of and express the underlying philosophy of the school. Students and staff will be provided with opportunities for growth in their faith lives through prayer, study and service.

Philosophy of Christian Education

The Christian Education program at Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School is designed to foster growth in the students' faith and in the knowledge of their faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church. As well, the program teaches how, as Catholics, the students are called to play a unique role in society. This is achieved in a variety of ways.

Christ is the focal point of school life at Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School and students are encouraged to proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. The first facet of the Christian Education program is to develop a Catholic community within the school. Mass is celebrated regularly through the year. In addition, we take part in seasonal prayer services according to the liturgical calendar. We offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Advent and Lent) and Chapel Mass. In doing so, we affirm that a sacramental life, the second facet of the program, is indispensable when building our Catholic community. It is incumbent upon all members of the community in conjunction with the Pastors, staff, students and parents to work together to organize a year-long liturgical environment.

The third facet is the retreat program which seeks to give the students an opportunity to engage in faith sharing outside the regular day to day school life. The approach taken with the retreat program may vary from year to year depending on the needs of the students and the desire to provide a variety of experiences for the students.

The final facet of the Christian Education program is classroom instruction. While it is important to recognize that classroom instruction is only part of the religious life of the school, it is a vital part. It is in Christian Education courses that we give students the opportunity to study and learn the history and content of the Catholic Faith so as to lead them to a stronger commitment to their faith and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Assessment in the Christian Education classes is based on knowledge of the faith content and in no way tries to "grade" the faith commitment of students.

There are many opportunities at our school to participate in outreach and service programs in the greater community. This voluntary service to others gives the students practical experience of how to live out the Christian way of life in the world around them.

Christian Education Courses

Participation in the Christian Education courses is an integral and vital part of the education and formation of each student in the school. In so far as this leads them to study and learn the history and content of the Catholic Faith, students can expect to be assessed on what they are studying and learning. The objective remains to create in them a deep and life-long love for the Church, its Sacraments and prayer life, by which they are drawn to love God and their fellow human beings to the fullest.

School Masses

The importance of the Mass is recognized at Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School both as a way of increasing the Faith of the individual and helping in the building of our Catholic community.