

## **Principle 4: AN INTEGRATED EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMATION**

- 1. We ensure a thoroughness of instruction that is rooted in Gospel values, the Social Teachings of the Church and an understanding of complex world realities.**
  - Provide in-services focused on Scripture and the Social Teachings of the Church.
  - Offer opportunities to experience solidarity and ecological consciousness on local and global levels.
  - Teach students about different religions and cultures to promote greater understanding, mutual respect, appreciation and acceptance.
  
- 2. We provide an integrated education, one that leads people to a fully human life in relation to themselves, God, others and all of creation.**
  - Incorporate justice, peace and environmental issues within the curriculum.
  - Provide ongoing prayer and service outreach experiences that are focused on deepening spirituality and the interconnectedness of the human family.
  
- 3. We create the environment to develop value-based leadership skills and the ethical use of communications media and technology.**
  - Teach critical-thinking and problem-solving skills and provide students a variety of opportunities to exercise leadership.
  - Model non-violence by solving conflicts through the use of mediation, counseling and special programs.
  
- 4. We form students to be reflective critical thinkers and life-long learners who have the determination to influence systemic and structural change.**
  - Provide opportunities for social analysis and exposure/immersion programs that lead to a deeper understanding and ongoing response to the complexities connected with world issues.
  
- 5. We nurture in ourselves and others an ongoing commitment to act with preferential care and love on behalf of those who are poor and marginalized, especially women and children.**
  - Make education more accessible and affordable for all people.
  
- 6. We transform our institutions to be centers of non-violence, compassion and justice, and give personal and corporate witness to peace-building and the responsible care of creation.**
  - Provide opportunities for an integrated spirituality.
  - Participate in projects and activities that promote justice, non-violence and care of the environment.
  - Care for Mother Earth by recycling and make wise choices about the use of energy.