

Principle 1: THE CENTRALITY OF A GOOD AND PROVIDENT GOD

- 1. We are grounded in the Word of God and share this source of light and strength.**
 - Study, pray, live, and share the Word of God. Place the Bible in a visible place, start meetings with a scripture text; include quotations in students' date-books and organize study of the Bible.
 - Use the Bible and relevant passages from Scriptures of other religions for prayer services.
- 2. We cultivate a sense of the sacred and search for transcendence that leads to a deeper meaning in life.**
 - Provide space for silent reflection and contemplative prayer.
 - Arrange for quiet times during the school day or at other times.
- 3. We integrate the teachings and values of Jesus in all aspects of our educational ministry.**
 - When teaching content subjects, refer to Christian values reflected in the material.
 - Encourage students to integrate their research with the principles of the Gospel.
- 4. We provide religious and moral education to develop an integrated spirituality for global citizenship.**
 - Read and assimilate values from different scriptures.
 - Raise ethical issues about questionable developments in science and technology.
- 5. We initiate and deepen faith formation of Christians through a variety of specific programs and experiences.**
 - Foster growth in knowledge and in understanding of our Catholic faith.
 - Teach catechism and practices of prayer. Prepare students for the sacraments and celebrate Mass at school.
 - Encourage students to contribute time to parish ministries; motivate younger generations for missionary actions.
 - Use the crucifix and other Christian symbols.
 - Provide annual student retreats and opportunities to support the missions.
 - Provide opportunities for work with those who are poor.
 - Explore the evangelical use of multi-media and technology.
- 6. We promote a spirit of dialogue with diverse cultures and religions who are open to mutual enrichment.**
 - Invite speakers, give lectures and show videos in order to discover the seeds of the Word in different cultures.
 - Host meetings, prayer services, activities and visit sites of other religions; go on excursions. Network with other religions to discover cross-cultural differences.
 - Develop respect, appreciation and a spirit of solidarity with other faith traditions.
 - Participate in and celebrate other's festivals, e.g. Id, Holi, Diwali, Chanukah, Christmas, Easter, etc.
- 7. We live a simple gospel life style and educate for solidarity so that all may enjoy the blessings of the earth.**
 - Be involved in charity and solidarity activities such as raising money, collecting clothes and other items for refugees, orphans and other children in need.
- 8. We commit ourselves to selfless serving to be bearers of hope to a world in need.**
 - Discern the signs of the times through an understanding of world realities and respond to them with faith-filled action.
 - Serve women of every caste and creed.
 - Give witness to a spirit of hope, detachment and Gospel service.