

## Mission Statement for Catholic Schools Diocese of Phoenix

The Diocese of Phoenix engages in the faith formation of the young through Catholic schools by leading them to an encounter with the living Christ and by integrating faith throughout an educational process that promotes academic excellence, moral values and lifelong service.

## Philosophy of Catholic Schools Diocese of Phoenix

Because Christ is our hope and our children are the future of the Church and society, the Church joins with parents, the primary educators, in placing the child at the center of the educational process, which promotes academic excellence and moral values, and fosters lifelong service.

Because each child needs the values and traditions of the Catholic community, the school will impart an understanding of the Catholic faith, doctrine and moral perspectives, afford participation in a worshipping faith community, and foster the responsibility for service.

Because each child is part of the Church and society beyond the school and home, the school will support and foster participation in the parish, the Diocese and the larger world community.

Because each child needs examples, in the school and in the home, teachers and parents must model their faith as portrayed in the Gospels and our Tradition.

Because each child must be able to make informed decisions and to live according to Christian principles, the school must encourage self-discipline, self-respect and respect for others, and growth in learning to deal with issues in a real world.

Because each child needs a strong and caring environment for learning, the school, like the home must be supportive, loving yet disciplined, encouraging yet challenging.

Because each child needs knowledge and skills for today's and tomorrow's world, the school will provide opportunity and high expectations for learning and will develop the potential of each child spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally and physically.