

## Primary Statements

### **Philosophy**

Our Lady of Fatima School faculty and families work together as a community to provide the skills needed to develop the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, social, and aesthetic growth of our students in a Catholic Christian centered environment of love and acceptance. This growth is best achieved through the continuing efforts of staff who support and complement parents in their role as primary educators of their children.

### **Mission**

It is the purpose and responsibility of Our Lady of Fatima School staff and parents to model the importance of God in our children's lives. We will provide an atmosphere where our children can value their membership in the Catholic community, and as they mature, extend that relationship to the community at large. We will assist them as they grow, to examine the possibilities of learning in a world of increasing knowledge, and to live a vocation of love, justice, and peace.

### **Student Learning Expectations:**

#### **Faith Commitment:**

- Know and understand our Catholic beliefs, values, traditions, and Scriptures.
- Know that God is always present in our lives.
- Take an active role in the Catholic community.
- Desire a friendship with God.

#### **Social and Emotional Development:**

- Know that all people are made by God and deserve understanding and respect.
- Be a positive influence on others.
- Know that we have a responsibility to be part of a world-wide community using our God-given talents to make the world a better place.
- Stand up for what is right, even if you are standing alone.

#### **Life-long Learning:**

- Develop thinking and communication skills.
- Develop good problem-solving and decision making skills to make the right choices.
- Demonstrate a curiosity and enthusiasm for knowledge in all academic areas.
- Be able to manage our time and be responsible for our learning.

#### **Vocation:**

- Listen, pray, and come to know what God wants us to do in our lives.
- Understand that we are called to help our families, church community, and the world.

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