



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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PURPOSE AND VISION for Catholic School Education

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford welcome students of all faiths, ethnic groups, and socio-economic backgrounds. The fundamental purpose of Catholic schools is to:

- ▶ Provide a safe, nurturing and secure environment in which *students encounter the living God*, who in Jesus Christ, reveals His transforming love and truth;
- ▶ Partner with parents to support students in their learning and in their *search for knowledge, meaning, and truth*;
- ▶ Create a Catholic climate that contributes to the *formation of students* as active participants in the parish community;
- ▶ Foster a *culture of educational excellence* through critical thinking skills, innovative and rigorous curriculum standards, a global perspective, and an emphasis on moral education, community, and service;
- ▶ Promote life-long learning that advances the *development of the whole person* - mind, body, and soul; and
- ▶ Graduate students prepared to become *productive, virtuous citizens and church leaders* who will fashion a more humane and just world.

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