My Philosophy of Catholic Education

A Catholic school is not just an environment for providing a series of lessons; it operates with an educational philosophy, which aims to meet the needs of the children of today in light of the Church’s faith in Jesus Christ.

In his written work, Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis speaks about the importance of Catholic education, “Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture, even in those countries and cities where hostile situations challenge us to greater creativity in our search for suitable methods.” (132-134)

See more at: http://www.cardinalnewmansociety.org/CatholicEducationDaily/DetailsPage/tabid/102/ArticleID/2722/Pope-Francis-Makes-First-Major-Statements-on-Catholic-Education.aspx#sthash.qq1k1hPD.dpuf

Pope Francis challenges us to provide an education “which teaches critical thinking and encourages the development of mature moral values.”

It is our responsibility to teach students how to love one another in a Catholic community by setting a positive example through modeling the Gospel Values. By viewing Jesus as a teacher and valuing the Ten Commandments we will create a caring and safe environment for our students to learn in.

Our role as educators is to permeate our Catholic faith through our instruction and interactions with students, families and staff. I believe it is in the little things that we demonstrate our faith: a smile, a hug or an encouraging word to someone who is struggling. Faith is demonstrated through how we deal with others, those we like and those we do not like. We model our faith by being compassionate, encouraging and kind.

~ Shelley LaCroix