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## **Philosophy of Education**

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We believe Catholic Education is based on the premise that every child is a child of God. Each child has received the life and love of the Creator and is called into relationship with Jesus Christ.

We also strive to foster an environment where each child will advance in spiritual maturity while achieving knowledge and skills in the academic disciplines, the humanities, the arts, and Christian living in his/her search for truth.

We recognize that parents are the primary educators of their children. The work of Saint Odilia Catholic School is to assist and share with parents the responsibility for the development of each child in light of Christian principles. Those entrusted with the ministry of education must give witness to the integration of faith, culture, and living by the knowledge they impart and the relationships they foster.

Saint Odilia Catholic School strives to help each child receive the message revealed by God and proclaimed by the Church. Each child is encouraged to become an active member of the Faith Community by participating in the Sacramental Life of the Church. Our school environment and learning program offer each child the opportunity to develop her/his gifts and talents to be of service in the Christian Community. We are committed to instilling Catholic Christian values in each child in order to assist him/her in developing a sense of moral responsibility.