

St. Catherine of Siena School
A Lumen Christi Academy



2018-2019 Annual Report

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Mission Statement

Saint Catherine of Siena School answers the call to nurture each child – spirit, mind and body – in a safe, caring environment by providing Christ-centered, challenging curriculum preparing each child for a future as people of faith, service, respect, and responsibility.

Philosophy Statement

Recognizing the role of the parent as the primary educator, the school strives to assist parents in accomplishing this duty. Saint Catherine of Siena School’s primary concern is in helping students develop religiously, academically, emotionally, socially, and culturally. Our primary goal is to help students develop in those areas and fulfill their greatest potential.

School Five Year Plan

Children of Faith; Christ-Centered (**Faith**)

To provide students and families with opportunities to participate in liturgical services, to be rooted in Gospel values throughout their school experience.



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Challenging Curriculum (**Academic**)

To provide rigorous curriculum aligned with relevant standards & 21st century skills, to use assessment methods to document student learning and personalized learning



Children of Service (**Faith**)

To provide opportunities outside of the classroom for student faith formation and service, prayer, and social justice



Children of Respect & Responsibility (**Community**)

To provide programs and services to enrich the academic program to support development of students and family life that integrates faith, culture, and life



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2018-2019 Accomplishments

Academics:

- ❖ Increased Growth Scores in STAR Data Testing in Math & ELA (English Language Arts)
- ❖ Adopted new consistent curriculum: Math and ELA
- ❖ Adopted new reading program: Accelerated Reading
- ❖ Using STAR Data, AR Data and *Freckle* (piloted) to personalize learning and target skills
- ❖ Grades 3-5 Weekly STEM
- ❖ 1:1 Device Grades 3-8; Google Classroom
- ❖ Socratic Seminars in Junior High
- ❖ Young Authors Award Winners (2nd Grade & 4th Grade)
- ❖ Lumen Christi Professional Development for Principal and Teachers

Faith:

- ❖ Service and Community outreach projects
- ❖ Participation in Loaves and Fishes
- ❖ Food Drives
- ❖ Attended mass twice a week
- ❖ Sunday Family Mass once a month
- ❖ Faith Families
- ❖ SLE Monthly Awards
- ❖ Supportive Priest; Father Anthony & Parish Staff

Community:

- ❖ Formed Parent Teacher Group
- ❖ Auction raised \$10,000 more than last year
- ❖ Raised \$27,000 in fundraising (off set operating budget)
- ❖ Summer School 2019; open to all of the Martinez community
- ❖ Parish/School Feast Day Jubilee Festival
- ❖ Junior High Theatre Program, "West Side Story"
- ❖ Monthly Coffee with Parents after Mass

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St. Catherine of Siena Students: S.A.I.L like Vikings!

Service Toward Others

Exhibit a spirit of social justice and accountable stewardship
Serves the community
Respects cultural diversity
Cares for the environment

Academic Learner

Masters grade level skills
Thinks critically and independently
Uses available resources effectively
Reads for enjoyment and learning
Appreciates the value of knowledge and talent

Involved Christian

Grows in Gospel Values
Respects the dignity of life
Knows basic Catholic teachings
Makes positive moral choices
Participates in liturgical services and prayer

Love One Another

Witness and express the teachings of the Gospel
Show empathy towards those in need

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Congratulations Class of 2019!



*"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and plans to give you hope and a future." -
Jeremiah 29:11*

2019 Graduates:

Michael Killeen
Gabriel Coggshall
Armaan Sidhu
Caleb Weatherbee
Samantha McLean
Elisabeth Marks
Jonathan Espinoza
Samuel Hayworth
Ashton Viramontes
Lena Nyguen
Angela Cuevas
Cindy Roman

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Principal's Reflection

Dear Families and Community Supporters,

I am filled with gratitude as I complete my first year at St. Catherine of Siena School. Thank you for welcoming me, sharing your children with me, and providing me with an overwhelming amount of support. This year has been a humbling journey, I was able to learn more about our community and have become a more reflective leader. At St. Catherine of Siena School I found wonderful, caring students, met many friends and alum of St. Catherine's, and discovered a parent community who loves this school who call it a second home. I am ready to launch into next school year as we dive into a year of transformation through our faith and in our academic programs to serve the "Whole Child."

Steadfast to our mission, we will continue to focus on serving all children from all cultures, means and learning needs, to experience an excellent academic education guided by the teachings of Christ and His apostles. Blending the best of our Catholic school traditions with a bold new commitment to educate the "Whole Child" with the necessary skills to meet 21st century demands. We will continue to strive to deepen our faith-based, child-centered, academically-excellent, confident-creative, family-focused and service-oriented Catholic school environment. As we embark on this next school year, I am still humbled by the responsibility to carry on and strengthen the vision we created together and continue moving our school forward in building a diverse and creative culture, and respectful, Christ-like community.

Thank you for your continued support, trust, and commitment to the vision of St. Catherine of Siena School.

May Peace and Joy be with you,

Jessica Griswold

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Executive Director's Reflection

Dear St. Catherine of Siena Community,

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with your community.

Lumen Christi Academies exists to revitalize Catholic Education in our diocese. It was a joy to collaboratively build a foundation for LCA's network identity with Mrs. Griswold, the faculty/staff at St. Catherine of Siena, as well the other six LCA communities. I look forward to getting to know your community better as we engage more intentionally with families, students and parish leaders across our network to continue building the foundation for our innovative endeavor.

Our team is committed to supporting Mrs. Griswold and Father Anthony as they cultivate a Christ-centered environment centered on Faith, Academics and Community. The resources we have secured and the initiatives planned for the coming year are designed to strengthen these critical pillars. This includes planned faith-formation opportunities for students, teachers and parents. We also actively support the implementation of blended learning across the network.

I am honored to support your efforts to holistically form students, families and teachers in the Catholic tradition, and ignite our scholars to be the light of Christ in the world.

Have a fruitful, blessed summer with your family and friends.

Peace and God Bless,

Rodney

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Goals for 2019-2020

Academics

Challenging Curriculum

- ❖ Partnering with Loyola Marymount University to provide teacher trainings on “Blended Learning”
 - Blending Learning-leverage technology to personalize student ability in real time to adjust homework, skill focus, exit tickets, etc.
- ❖ Improved implementation of Accelerated Reader to motivate and encourage reading
 - Move library back to the school building
- ❖ Foster 21st century learning skills to include: project based learning, STEM, collaboration, discovery, communication, inquiry based learning
 - Create learning rooms for all learners and to foster group work
- ❖ Ability Based Groupings in grades 3-8 to meet learning where student’s are
 - Honor/Advanced Level Learning, Basic Foundation, and Remedial/Intervention Support

Faith

Children of Faith; Christ-Centered & Children of Service

- ❖ Working in partnership with Father Anthony to re-ignite our Catholic Identity throughout our daily life
- ❖ Educating our students with the focus on the whole child: social-emotional, physically, academically, and spiritually
- ❖ Develop and participate in devotions, adorations, and church traditions
- ❖ Form partnerships with families to provide faith formation opportunities
- ❖ Children’s Choir to participate in every Sunday Mass
- ❖ Opportunities for all students to be active members of the liturgy through reading, singing, and serving
- ❖ Family Service Opportunities
- ❖ Service Hours for Junior High

Community

Children of Respect & Responsibility

- ❖ Provide multi-cultural and diverse experiences and events
- ❖ Focus on Service projects to serve our local community as well as greater nation
- ❖ New Family Mentor Program to focus on Retention of our families
- ❖ Recruitment and Publicity-Sharing our story with others in the greater community

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