



## Faith Curriculum

The Gospels call our school to service and learning, preserving the richness of our Catholic roots while meeting the challenges of an ever-changing world. The Presentation School's Faith Curriculum seeks to:

- ❑ Introduce Catholic, Christian traditions while valuing diverse individual religious perspectives
- ❑ Encourage students to think outside of themselves
- ❑ Provide meaningful service opportunities on campus as well as in our local and global communities which are reinforced through sound instruction and reflection in the classroom
- ❑ Encourage compassion and understanding and develop leadership
- ❑ Invite staff, parents, and community to active participation in the spiritual life of our school

### **SEPTEMBER: Peace**

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5:9

- Essential Question: How do we find peace within in ourselves, and how do we bring that to others?

### **OCTOBER: Respect/Kindness**

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Colossians 3:12

Essential Questions:

- How can we show kindness to others and promote kindness in the world?
- How do we show respect to others and our environment -- at home? at school? in Sonoma? in the world?

### **NOVEMBER: Gratitude**

"Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Essential Questions:

- What does it mean to be grateful, and how do we show others we are thankful for them?
- What are we grateful for at The Presentation School? At home? In our country?

### **DECEMBER: Joy**

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:10-12

Essential Questions:

- What does it mean to be joyful? How can we spread joy to others at The Presentation School? At home? In our country?

## **FEBRUARY: Service**

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” Matthew 25: 35-40

Essential Questions:

- What does it mean to be of service? How can we serve others at The Presentation School? At home? In our community? In our country?

## **MARCH: Courage**

This is my command--be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Essential Questions:

- What is courage?
- What does it mean to do the right thing even if it is difficult?
- What are some ways that one can show courage at Presentation School and in our communities?
- What does it mean to stand up for others who can't stand up for themselves?
- Why is it difficult to do what is right when others are doing wrong?

## **APRIL: Hope**

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

Essential Questions:

- What is hope and what does it mean to be hopeful?
- When you are having a hard time with things in your life, can prayer give you hope?
- How can hope sustain you?

## **MAY: Love**

“We love because he first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

“Let us love one another for love comes from God.” 1 John 4:7

Essential Questions:

- What is love and who are we supposed to love?
- What are some ways that we can love God?
- In what ways can we demonstrate love to one another?
- Is God's love for us limited?