

OLA School recognizes that all the knowledge in the world lacks meaning and purpose unless faith, service, and community are tightly interwoven into the hearts and minds of its students. From the moment one steps foot onto campus, this is apparent across the school. The classroom setting is a robust learning environment where all students are encouraged to think critically about what they are learning. Teachers are not simply concerned with transmitting knowledge; there is a deep sense of dedication to teaching students what to do with that knowledge. Critical thinking and problem solving skills include challenging students to consider the value of their place in the world as young people who are developing their Catholic identity. Students are called to integrate their faith and the needs of their surrounding community into much of what they learn in the classroom. The greatest blessing our school provides, however, is apparent at home. Through the modeling of our teachers, staff and administrators, along with the example of Jesus, our children have an orientation that focuses on others. Treating siblings and parents with empathy, kindness, love and respect comes naturally to them and we cherish that it is reinforced at school every single day.

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