

TEACHING - AN APOSTOLATE

- By Jack Moore, Principal

Teaching, for the faculty and parents, must be viewed as an apostolic work since the high office of the teacher is to form Christ in the student, and to be the chief agent in unifying secular and religious knowledge through his Catholic philosophy of life. The possession of a teaching credential is encouraged, although it is not required.

“Perfect schools are the result not so much of good methods as of good teachers...who cherish a pure and holy love for Jesus Christ and His Church.” (Pius XI, The Christian Education of Youth)

The administration and faculty should:

1. Recognize the first right and duty in education belongs to the parents;
2. Be knowledgeable of the philosophy and goals of the school and serve to implement the aims of the school;
3. Be competent academically and professionally with an understanding of youth and a love and commitment to the apostolate of teaching;
4. Encourage students to reach their maximum potential through the stimulation of thought, the acquisition of knowledge and the relating of all education to the news of salvation.
5. Demonstrates and develops in the student a devout loyalty to the Holy See;
6. Offers a complete education in which all subjects will be taught in the light of the Faith; the intellectual, physical and social education of the students will be integrated with their religious and moral instruction;
7. Develops in the student a realization of Catholicism as a way of life whose truths affect attitudes and actions in daily experiences;
8. Demonstrates and develops in the student a respect for and intelligent obedience to all duly constituted authority;
9. Fosters a display of refinement in manners, speech and dress in accordance with Christian ideals;
10. Promotes the dignity of human life and the partnership of the human body with the immortal soul;
11. Develops the spirit of Christian charity as commanded in the words of Jesus, “...love thy neighbor as thyself”;
12. Develops and practices a life of prayer and worship, finding in the life of Christ and in the examples of Mary and the saints models of a Catholic way of living.