

CATHOLIC IDENTITY & SERVICE COMMITTEE

Goal 2: Catholic Identity & Service (CIS)

St. Patrick's School will maintain its vibrant Catholic identity by providing ample opportunities to **know, love & serve** God and enhancing collaboration between the Parish and School as a unified community of faith.

The following objectives will be monitored and advanced by the Catholic Identity & Service Committee of the School Advisory Board (SAB):

- **Objective 2.1: Know** - Students will be accurately taught the tenets and traditions of the Catholic Faith with enthusiasm and empowered to identify their natural strengths within the church community.
 - 2.1.1 Qualified faculty will instruct students with the latest ADW standards from [Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization](#) and will provide the necessary preparation to receive first Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation at St. Patrick's Parish.
 - 2.1.2 Students will learn the specific prayers, devotions and spiritual initiatives in keeping with the traditions of St. Patrick's School.
 - 2.1.3 Students will be provided age-appropriate guidance in the development of their vocation within the church.
- **Objective 2.2: Love** - Students will learn to communicate with God through age appropriate prayer, meditation, praise, worship, and gratitude and will be provided ample opportunities to participate in this relationship through Mass, adoration, and other devotions.
 - 2.2.1 Students will be given opportunities to practice various types of personal prayer on a regular basis.
 - 2.2.2 Students will engage in prayer frequently as a community in the celebration of sacraments, adoration, prayer, stations of the cross, and faith activities.
- **Objective 2.3: Serve** - The School Community will participate in a variety of service opportunities that promote understanding of the Catholic Faith's call to serve others and increase compassion toward those most in need.
 - 2.3.1 Students will participate in established service projects developed by the School and/or Parish community.
 - 2.3.2 Students will participate in the development and planning of service projects.
- **Objective 2.4: Collaborate** - The CIS Committee will foster and encourage collaboration among the Parish, the Parish Religious Education Program, and the School, as a unified St. Patrick's community, by:
 - 2.4.1 Increasing communication efforts between the Parish, Religious Education Program and School.
 - 2.4.2 Increasing support between the Parish, Religious Education Program and School.

Goal	MEASURABLE OUTCOMES	Timeframe
2.1.1.1	Increase the percentage of students each year who meet benchmark targets on the Archdiocese of Washington's Faith Knowledge assessment.	Reviewed Annually in August
2.1.1.2	Student enthusiasm will be measured through an annual SAB survey seeking an aggregated positive score of 90% or better on a scale of "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree."	Annually
2.1.1.3	Convene a meeting with the Parish, Religious Education Program and School leadership to establish / maintain sacrament preparation expectations, reduce redundancies with School families and foster a spirit of excitement for the sacraments.	Annually
2.1.2.1	Prayers and devotions (in addition to the ADW memorization benchmarks) should be decided and communicated by the principal and CIS Committee for schoolwide participation. (e.g. St. Patrick prayer)	Ongoing
2.1.2.2	Engage actively with universal and Archdiocesan Church initiatives for catechesis and faith formation (i.e., Year of St. Joseph, etc.)	Ongoing
2.1.3.1	Offer opportunities for all students to learn about / pray for vocations in the classroom, through the interaction with the priests of St. Patricks and access to a biennial vocation panel.	Ongoing
2.1.3.2	Explore the development of a Charism Program to understand how student interests in specific activities may help to better understand their strengths through the lens of the church.	2022 - 2023 School Year
2.2.1.1	Students learn how to build relationship with God through individual prayer, meditation, scripture reflection, etc. and are provided ample age-appropriate opportunities to develop a positive habit of prayer & reconciliation.	Ongoing
2.2.1.2	Convene a meeting to explore the possibility of an annual "retreat" day or half day for grades 2 and 8 beyond the existing retreats offered by Religious Education to focus on the development of personal prayer appropriate for that age group.	2022-2023
2.2.2.1	Students learn how to build relationship with God in community with others through a variety of age-appropriate opportunities to participate in prayer together with a buddy, as a class and School community.	Ongoing
2.2.2.2	Students are provided regular opportunities to participate together in the Celebration of the Mass, in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and other spiritual / seasonal traditions (e.g. Stations of the Cross).	Ongoing
2.2.2.3	Students are encouraged to participate together as a class / team / extracurricular group at existing Parish events and Sunday Mass each week.	Monthly
2.3.1.1	Plan a minimum of 2 opportunities per school year for students to participate in School-sponsored hands on and age appropriate service activities after School.	Ongoing
2.3.2.1	Offer opportunities for students to become more actively involved in the planning and execution of service projects by creating a service club (or maybe an SGA position of service ambassador).	Target 2022-2023 School Year

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2.4.1.1	Establish a liaison position on the CIS Committee to whom parents can direct issues regarding religious matters affecting both the Parish and School communities.	Summer 2022
2.4.1.2	Communicate Faith in Action (spotlighting a range of activities that show Catholic identity lived in a relatable way in the world), School and Parish sponsored service opportunities, and faith formation opportunities to the Parish community through the monthly SAB newsletter.	Ongoing
2.4.2.1	Convene a meeting with Parish Leadership to explore the feasibility of a regularly occurring children’s Mass where interested students would have opportunities to participate in the liturgy, as well as the feasibility of a virtual or outdoor mass for students when it is not possible to gather together in the Church.	Revisit Summer 2022
2.4.2.2	Promote participation in CYO sports in the School and Parish and assess the possibility of increased access to use of the Parish Center gym for CYO sports and other extracurricular events.	Ongoing