

Our Mission and Values

Our Mission: *Lumen Christi Catholic School is established to teach the unity of faith and reason, through the Light that is Christ Jesus, for the formation of young Catholics in truth and virtue.*

Faithful & Uncompromising Catholic Teaching

Oath of Fidelity: Our entire faculty and administration publicly sign an oath of fidelity to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. Our school governing board also takes this pledge. Families are asked to sign a similar statement of support for the authoritative teaching of the Catholic Church.

Faithful Curriculum and Texts: Faithfulness to the Divine Law, present in Divine Revelation, Magisterial teaching, and the natural law, are prerequisites for the entire curriculum.

Traditional & Joyful Catholic Spirituality & Culture

Daily Mass & Traditional Devotions: The whole student body celebrates Mass together daily, and builds on the grace of Holy Eucharist with traditional devotions throughout the year in a joyful and loving atmosphere.

Service: Students regularly offer apostolic service to others: a school-wide program of daily prayer for and partnership with local police officers, along with outreach such as visiting elderly shut-ins, feeding the hungry, and supporting ministry to the imprisoned.

Virtues Training: Students receive regular training in virtues based on our school's founding principles and the manners befitting a Lumen Christi student, reinforced by positive peer influences.

Vocations Education: In addition to formation in the vocations of marriage and holy single life, students are introduced to the vocations of priesthood and religious life throughout the curriculum and in focused visits and interactions with priests and religious.

Classically Catholic Academics & Environment

Great Books: Across the curriculum we teach great books that enlighten and inspire our students. Novels, biographies, and primary sources are read in their entirety.

Faith-Integrated Texts: Many of our survey-style and skills-based textbooks include abundant faith integrations such as Bible passages, saint profiles, sacred art, Catholic moral applications, religious poetry, and Catholic history.

Scholarly Discussion: Teachers are encouraged and trained to regularly incorporate seminar-style discussions in their instruction, with emphasis on critical thinking, logic, and creativity.

Learning by Heart: Students think about and memorize passages rooted in truth, goodness, and beauty. Through "learning by heart," we commit to permanent memory truths that purify our hearts and incline us to that which perfects us as creatures in God's image and likeness.

Small Class Sizes: We emphasize small class sizes, capping classes at 15 students in order to promote in-depth discussion and assessment. Small class sizes allow teachers to provide meaningful feedback to students and parents on student work.

Simplicity

Focus on the Fundamentals: We devote our energy, talents, and resources to integral formation in faith and academics. Our curriculum emphasizes fundamental truths, literacy, reasoning, research, communication, and creative expression. It is not overloaded with specialized subjects.

Uncomplicated Campus Life: Although we offer a handful of outside activities, we deliberately avoid over-programming our students by being temperate in our co-curricular and extra-curricular offerings.

Modest Facilities: God has provided Lumen Christi with a facility that just meets our needs. We have not taken on expensive capital projects and carry no debt.

Minimal Bureaucracy: Because we are small and focused on essentials, we enjoy much less administrative complexity than the typical school. Our goal is to be accessible and keep the focus on our students and the needs of our school families.

Independence

Self-governance: Our independent status protects our curriculum from external regulation. As an independent school, we can develop our own curriculum, assessments, and school policies.

Accreditation: We are accredited by the National Association of Private Catholic Independent Schools (NAPCIS) which specializes in helping independent schools self-evaluate the implementation of educational best practices in a Catholic context.

Unity with Our Bishops: While we are independent, we operate with the permission of the Archbishop of Indianapolis and cherish our communion with the Catholic Church, local and universal. We respect the important role of the diocesan Catholic schools and understand that we all are working together to meet the diverse needs of families.