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Our goal is to provide the best quality education for all of our students. At present, we feel that the curriculum we have in place is effectively serving our teachers and students. We review the curriculum annually in an effort to evaluate its effectiveness.

Like most Catholic School Systems in the United States, we are engaging in a critical evaluation of the Common Core Standards to understand their effect upon our Catholic vision of education.

Our vision for Catholic Education is articulated in our mission, vision, and belief statements.

The mission of the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Nashville is to promote a love for and a knowledge of Christ Jesus through quality education in the Catholic tradition.

The vision of the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Nashville is: "Through the mission of the Catholic Schools Office and as a ministry of the universal Church, the schools of the Diocese of Nashville strive to provide an exceptional Catholic educational experience open to all in Middle Tennessee. By offering a balance of love, faith, academics, service, fine arts and athletics the schools of the diocese seek to develop the whole child in the image of Christ."

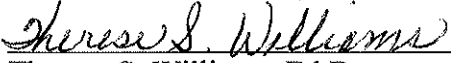
The schools of the Diocese of Nashville, in conjunction with the Catholic Schools Office, believe the following:


1. All individuals are unique and created in the image and likeness of God; each student should be valued as a unique individual.
2. Parents are the first teachers of their children. Catholic schools support, develop, and enrich the faith development that begins in the home.
3. All students can learn.
4. Catholic schools provide academic excellence in the Catholic tradition and foster high standards of academic achievement, as well as spiritual, social, physical, emotional, and character development.
5. A safe, supportive, and nurturing learning environment promotes student achievement.
6. Students learn in different ways and should be provided with a variety of instructional strategies to support and address diverse learning styles.
7. Within the context of Catholic values, the schools should encourage and celebrate diversity.
8. Faculty and staff working in Catholic schools should model both Christian behavior and the highest professional and ethical standards.
9. Catholic schools provide students with opportunities to serve others in response to the gospel.

10. Catholic schools educate students in the historical foundation and heightened awareness for social justice.

Thank you for all that you do to support Catholic education.

God bless,


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