



Religious Education plays a crucial role in the life and culture of a Catholic school. It encourages students to cultivate the understanding, beliefs, skills, values, and attitudes necessary to foster a connection with God and their community through Jesus Christ. Religious education aligns with the overarching goals and objectives established for quality education, which focus on the holistic growth and development of individuals in all aspects—physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual.

The Grade 9 program helps students recognize both the joy and responsibilities of following Christ and embodying the faith expressed in our community's Creed. By using the Beatitudes as a guiding principle, students are encouraged to reflect on the mindsets and behaviors that define a Christian life. They are motivated to cultivate the virtues that will strengthen their relationship with God through Christ, all within a vibrant and supportive community.

Students will explore these themes through the study of ten units:

Unit 1: Be with Me

Unit 2: Be Alive

Unit 3: Be Faithful

Unit 4: Be Loving

Unit 5: Be Obedient

Unit 6: Be Just

Unit 7: Be Honest

Unit 8: Be Generous

Unit 9: Be Forgiving

Unit 10: Be Hopeful

Participation in this program will enable students to demonstrate familiarity with and the ability to retell key biblical narratives that illustrate God's faithful relationship with His chosen people and the community's responses. They will express connections between the relationships depicted in biblical events and their own life experiences while showing reverence for Scripture as God's living Word. Additionally, students will define human dignity and understand its significance in Christian faith and practice. They will identify the articles of the Apostles' Creed as a summary of the Christian community's relationship with God, articulating the meaning of each article. Students will communicate their faith in ways that reflect a genuine understanding of the Apostles' Creed, describing how it encapsulates the faith community's understanding of God. They will explain how the Creed guides them in making responsible choices in their everyday lives, analyzing events and personal decisions in light of their commitment to follow Jesus. Furthermore, students will describe the relationship between real-life situations and their baptismal commitment to follow Jesus within the community of the Holy Spirit, outline how prayer deepens their relationship with God, and engage in various prayer styles, including traditional forms of Catholic prayer.