Philosophy of Catholic Education

Jennifer Brown

The very foundation of a Catholic education is unlike any other. With God’s word as our guide, and the Golden Rule as our precept, Catholic educators hold moral learning as equal to all other forms of learning. Catholic education is distinctive because it provides a sense of family and community to the students, staff and parents.

As a Catholic educator, I hold that Catholic schools better prepare students to be *contributing* members of society. Curriculum is only one aspect—albeit central—of a whole education. Catholic schools expect and teach students to live as Jesus lived: to be empathetic, compassionate, and giving citizens.

As Catholic educators, it is our responsibility to incorporate faith and values from the gospels, into our everyday teaching. Modeling these Christian values, in day to day activities, emphasizes the importance of acceptance and love in a school community, and indeed, **any** community.

As a Catholic teacher, I am continually growing in my faith life. A full faith journey involves demonstrating and sharing my own personal knowledge and experiences of what it means to be Catholic with the students in my care. Above all else, if I affect students morally and spiritually, I have accomplished much.