

## **School Philosophy**

**We, at Our Lady of Grace Parish School, believe that each person is made in God's image and that our life task is to come to know God and to grow in love and respect for God, self, and others. At Our Lady of Grace Parish School, this learning occurs in a context of Christian community where parents and teachers work together to model for the students the basic values of our Catholic faith and encourage a love for learning, help students develop their God-given potential, and teach them the life skills necessary to take their place in Church and society. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, cooperate with the school staff, with whom they share responsibility for the holistic development of the children. The school requires and encourages parental involvement in the integration of academic skills, faith, attitudes, and the practice of prayer, Sunday worship, and Christian outreach. In this safe, supportive, and consistent environment, where home and school, work together, the students internalize and act upon the values of the Catholic faith, grow in self—discipline, and learn the life-copying academic, and social skills necessary to do their part in building God's kingdom here on earth.**