

Our Lady of Peace Catholic School – Who are we?



The essence of education certainly remains the focus as we continue to create educational environments for our children that will prepare them for the future –the 21st Century. For the Roman Catholic Community this means we must help our children grow into a way

of life that will enable them to encounter and engage the world of politics, economics, business, and religion to create a more just and caring world.

Our children are the new generation that will carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the streets. And so our lives within a community of faith are not about mere words; rather it is about being the word that we preach – a living word. The uniqueness of Jesus is our belief that he is the Word made flesh – the Word of God who is in Colossians 1:15, “*the visible image of the invisible God.*” Therefore we must not just speak of justice, compassion and peace. We must BE the justice. We must BE the compassion. We must BE the peace that the world sees. Our Catholic schools exist to help transmit those values and beliefs, carrying our Catholic worldview into the 21st Century. Our Catholic schools are about BEING.

Parker J. Palmer’s “*In the Company of Strangers,*” describes the mission of the church in these words, “**the mission of the church is not to enlarge in membership, not to bring outsiders to accept its terms, but simply to love the world in every possible way – to love the world as God did and does.**” These words so adequately summarize what I believe should be the motivation and rationale for our Catholic schools; that is the formation of our children to simply “love the world in every possible way – to love the world as God did and does.” Strengthening our alignment, both at Christ the Servant Parish and Our Lady of Peace School, with the mission of God that will enable us to BE the love that the world sees. LGaetano