



Holy Family Academy

Grade School Brochure



*Sub Deum
In Sapientia Excellere*

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**A Classical Education Based on the
Great Works of Western Civilization**

**Dedicated to the Magisterium
of the Church**

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“...by natural and divine law the right and duty of educating offspring belong primarily to those who, having begun the work of nature by begetting children, are absolutely forbidden to leave the work they have begun and expose it to inevitable ruin. For this most necessary task of education the best possible provision has been made in marriage, where the indissoluble bond between parents ensures their collaboration and mutual help in that work will always be available.”

--*Casti Connubii*, Pope Pius XI

SUMMARY:

Holy Family Academy is here to aid families in the education of their children in a manner that enhances strong family life. It recognizes the fathers and mothers of the students as the God-ordained teachers of their children. Hence, we shall strive to cooperate with parents in giving the educational background that they truly desire for them and that the children deserve as sons and daughters of their parents on earth and of God above.



Being given this responsibility calls Holy Family Academy to strive to help you form these children in the light of Christ; that is, to permeate your children's environment with Catholic truth. Therefore, the entire curriculum will be directed to mirror Catholic truth in contrast to the attempt of the secular world to permeate a child's environment with moral and aesthetic relativism, with economic socialism, with ideas that both isolate the child from authentic family life, and collectivize the child into communal confusion.

TEACHERS:

The authentic magisterial teachings of the One Holy Catholic Church are to be articulated by the teachers to the students in a manner appropriate to their capabilities. The teachers are to give witness to these teachings in the school environment and in the greater society. The teachers are to search for excellence in all subjects.

The mind of the teacher is to follow the natural order of creation and see God as the Sustainer of this ordered universe. The teacher instructs and instills in his students the recognition of God's design and order by consistently calling their attention to the awesome beauty of the created world from inorganic matter to the highest beauty in the culmination of earthly creation, man and woman.

TUITION: 10 monthly payments

Elementary grades: \$410 for the first child; \$210 for the second child; \$110 for each child thereafter; special arrangements can be made for more than five children. Book fee: \$75 per child.

Uniforms required

Registration: \$50 per child

Please contact the school for any additional questions.

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Holy Family Academy does not discriminate on grounds of sex, race, ethnicity, or national origin.

GENDER IDENTITY:

Holy Family Academy is to encourage girls to develop the feminine virtues and feminine habits. The models of feminine virtue in John Paul II's writing on women and on Mary are to serve as a guide to developing the proper feminine virtues of endurance, tenderness, and self-devotion. In the same manner, boys are encouraged to adopt manly traits, as exemplified by John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation on St. Joseph. These are loyalty leading to fidelity in vocation (be it marriage or the priesthood), guardianship leading to the protection of the family from external evils (such as the media and unjust government interference), and work as a means to provide for one's family and one's church.

CURRICULUM:

Religion has for its end the study of God. Since God is the most worthy of all Beings to study, religion is the most important subject to be learned at Holy Family Academy. The reading program will be a phonics-first approach. Books chosen will be those considered as classics. The Lives of the Saints and Sacred Scripture will be important source material for the students. Latin will be an essential part of the curriculum, for it enables the students to understand Roman Catholicism, and it allows the students to understand Western culture and Western languages. Romance languages will be offered.

History will stress truth; hence it will be Catholic. Science will be taught with the rigor appropriate to knowing that the Maker is known by His creation. Therefore, man, the highest being of earthly creation, has human dignity from conception.

Geography will be taught as a subject that presents the goods of the earth as gifts of God to be used by man for the Glory of God. It will stress the fruitfulness of this earth and the earth's ability to sustain a growing population.

The arts of music, painting, sculpture, architecture and literature will be taught as also giving glory to God. Art imitates nature, and by its study the students will grow to a fuller understanding of a universal truth.

Since the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, athletics will be seen as a necessity in the education of the whole man.

PURPOSE:

The primary function of this school is to give your children the truth, which is an understanding to the level of their capability of who they are and why they are here, and of what they ought to do. It is to give a clear understanding of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes, the Sacraments, the Saints, and all the everlasting and unchanging truths of the Catholic Faith. These are to be taught and understood as objective truths and not presented as mere opinions or warm feelings. C. S. Lewis' *Abolition of Man* gives a clear presentation of the dangers of subjectivism in education. He articulates the need for a clear presentation of objective values in both ethics and aesthetics.



TEACHING PHILOSOPHY:

The Aristotelian method of teaching will be encouraged with a stress on content. The ability to form concepts in math and science will come after learning by practice. It is clear that some manipulative techniques, exemplified by values clarification and behavior modification, are to be avoided as they are based on an erroneous view of human nature. Man is not born perfect as Rousseau would claim or depraved as Calvin would claim, but man is born wounded by original sin.

St. Augustine said that you must pray as if all depended on God and act as if everything depended on your personal effort. Similarly, parents and teachers must treat their children as if their future totally depended on the parents fulfilling their parental obligations and believe at the same time that the free choices of their children are what will give their children character. Parents have to unite discipline and freedom in the raising of their children. Only love can unite these two aspects necessary for a child's education. The same values are the foundation for Holy Family Academy's apostolate for the education of children.

Daily Mass
Daily Rosary
Baltimore Catechism
Lives of the Saints



Objective Values
Traditional Virtues
Liberal Arts
Small Classes



