

## MISSION STATEMENT

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The CCD program exists to help our parish fulfill one of its fundamental tasks, evangelization. Our mission of evangelization is based on a strong commitment to the Catholic education of the public and private school children of our parish. We strive to develop the whole child by providing a strong basic curriculum along with spiritual and moral nurturing.

## PHILOSOPHY

As we reflect upon the meaning of our philosophy in relation to our identity as a parish school of religion, we look first to our name. Just as Elizabeth saw the living God within her cousin Mary, so is this our mission—to *recognize Christ in others*. We, the faculty of Visitation of Our Lady CCD, as Christian Catechists, in conjunction with the parents who are the primary educators of their child(ren) work together to integrate Christian values. Thus, the students are enabled to become fully integrated Christian persons who recognize Christ in themselves and others and develop a deeper knowledge of the Catholic faith.

We believe that through our educational ministry, our students are empowered to receive and understand the message of Christ, share it in service, in community and celebrate its embodiment through worship.

We attempt to create an atmosphere of positive awareness in the areas of:

1. **Spiritual Development** - Emphasizing living in accord with the teachings of Christ and the living out of one's faith.
2. **Moral Development** - Guiding the students in decision-making to develop respect for themselves and others.
3. **Emotional Development** - Aiding the development of a positive self-concept and acceptance of one another as individuals.
4. **Intellectual Development** – Educate each child on the laws and teachings of the Catholic Church while recognizing the unique abilities of each child.
5. **Social Development** - Encouraging positive interaction with one another in order to become a contributing member of society.
6. **Physical Development** - Encouraging respect for the human body.