Tradition

Description of the Value

★ Scripture testifies to the meaning of Catholic tradition as the normal mode of transmitting the Faith
★ Catholic tradition foregrounds sacramentality and in a Catholic school living the Eucharist unites us to Jesus’ way of life.
★ Catholic Tradition values the use of reason and discernment to respond to contemporary issues.

What we’ll see when this value is permeated in the Curriculum

★ The Catholic School embraces the Catholic Tradition by teaching about mercy, justice, compassion, peace-making and care for individuals.
★ Catholic school life is prayerful, contemplative, discerning, reflective and valuing of individuals and their gifts.
★ The curriculum and pedagogy foster critical thinking and discernment.

Catholic Teachings Suggestion

“Now what was handed on by the Apostles includes everything which contributes toward the holiness of life and increase in faith of the peoples of God; and so the Church, in her teaching, life and worship, perpetuates and hands on to all generations all that she herself is, all that she believes. This tradition which comes from the Apostles develop in the Church with the help of the Holy Spirit.” Dei Verbum #8

“What you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” (2 Timothy 2:2)

“Sacred tradition and Sacred Scripture form one sacred deposit of the word of God, committed to the Church.” Dei Verbum #10

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 3:14–15)

“Thanks to Tradition, guaranteed by the ministry of the apostles and their successors, the water of life that flowed from the side of Christ and his saving blood comes to the women and men of all times. In this way, Tradition is the permanent presence of the Savior who comes to meet, redeem and sanctify us in the Spirit through the ministry of his Church for the glory of the Father.” Tradition: Communion in Time, Pope Benedict XVI, 2006.