

**Expected Schoolwide Learning Results of Mary Star of the Sea High School
Cf. pp. 21-22 Parent Student Handbook**

A. Catholicism

“From the first moment that a student sets foot in a Catholic school, he or she ought to have the impression of entering a new environment, one illumined by the light of faith, and having its own unique characteristics. Mary Star of the Sea High School believes nourishing the soul has primacy over every other value. The school provides an environment permeated with the teachings and values of Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic faith.

Mary Star of the Sea High School students are Christ-centered individuals who:

- **Know and love Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith.**
- **Participate in the life of the Church through prayer, worship and the sacramental life.**
- **Live their faith through Christ-like charity and service**

B. Character

The product of Catholic education is “the true and finished man of character.” Strength of character enables students to accept the life-giving challenge of the Ten Commandments and the Gospel of Christ each day. Mary Star of the Sea High School places strong emphasis on the building of character in its students by providing an educational environment imbued with respect.

Mary Star of the Sea High School students are individuals of strong character who:

- **Make moral decisions in accord with the teachings of the Church.**
- **Respect themselves and others.**
- **Accept responsibility for their actions.**

C. Curriculum

Throughout the centuries of her existence, the Catholic Church has sponsored institutions of learning to challenge the human mind in the pursuit of knowledge, truth and wisdom. While serving a wide variety of academic abilities and gifts, Mary Star of the Sea High School challenges every student in a focused and disciplined educational environment which includes the integration of the Catholic faith across the curriculum.

Mary Star of the Sea High School students are genuine thinkers who:

- **Possess a solid foundation in the core curriculum.**
- **Analyze critically, evaluate thoughtfully and communicate effectively.**
- **Are prepared for the challenges of higher education and the workplace.**

D. Community

Mary Star of the Sea High School instructs students in their “duty to work for the advancement of the common good and the well being of all, especially the poor and weak. The school fosters in its students a fair and objective attitude toward those whose ideas, race or creed are different from their own. Throughout the school’s programs, students are challenged to integrate individual interests with care and concern for the larger society.

Mary Star of the Sea High School students are socially responsible individuals who:

- **Work with others for the common good.**
- **Respect authority in the family, Church and society.**
- **Act as faithful stewards of God’s creation.**

Star of the Sea

Guided by the Light of a Heavenly Star

Since the school’s inception it has been dedicated to the heavenly patronage of Mary under her ancient title “Star of the Sea”. Just as the stars of old guided vessels safely into port, the Virgin Mary’s example of perfect love for Jesus is a bright beacon for the students of Mary Star of the Sea High School today. Her life is a flawless mirror in which the high ideals espoused by the school can be found in their perfection. May she, whom the students invoke daily as their heavenly star, “show herself to be their mother” and guide them to the ultimate end for which they were created: the harbor of eternal life.

“A Catholic educational institution must remind the world of culture that while it is surely true that men and women can organize the world without God, without God it will, in the last analysis, be organized against humanity.” (Pope John Paul II)