

A truly Catholic education is directed toward the formation of the whole person in view of his or her final end, which is eternal life in the Blessed Trinity. Pius X High School strives to inspire and guide young people to this end by giving them the opportunity to develop their physical, moral, and intellectual qualities and to encounter the living God in the sacramental life of the Church. This, in cooperation with God's grace, produces the true man or woman of character who is (1) principle-centered, (2) active in his or her parish community, (3) equipped to make sound moral judgments based on a well-formed conscience, and (4) well trained in the necessary skills for participating actively in society<sup>1</sup>

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is expressed in the motto of our Patron, St. Pius X: "Restore all things in Christ!" We are dedicated to a total education that is Christ-centered by integrating Catholic values in all areas of life and providing academic preparation of the highest quality in a disciplined environment.

### **PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION**

#### **SPIRITUAL FOCUS**

"The special character of the Catholic school and the underlying reason for its existence, the reason why Catholic parents should prefer it, is precisely the quality of the religious instruction integrated into the overall education of the students<sup>2</sup>."

In its curriculum, learning environment, and liturgical life, Pius strives to build and maintain a Catholic culture conducive to the development of personal sanctity. We encourage young people to set themselves to follow Christ and to learn more and more within the Church "to think like Him, to judge like Him, to act in conformity with His commandments, and to hope as He invites us to<sup>3</sup>."

#### **Academic Focus**

Pius X faculty strives for excellence in the classroom by implementing best practices in education. Our school employs State certified teachers endorsed in their teaching area(s), and provides academic and career guidance services for all students. Faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in professional development to meet the individual needs of our students.

#### **SOCIAL FOCUS**

Pius X strives to maintain and nurture a Catholic family environment by emphasizing the God-given dignity and value of every human person. We provide space, time and activities conducive to positive social interaction as well as the teaching and development of social skills among students, faculty, staff and administrators. Pius X also welcomes the input and involvement of parents, the Lincoln Catholic parishes and other members of the community in school affairs.

#### **PHYSICAL FOCUS**

Pius X offers courses and activities emphasizing the importance of acquiring and maintaining good physical and mental health and is committed to maintaining a safe, clean, attractive, and environmentally comfortable facility for all programs and activities.

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF A PIUS X GRADUATE**

- Lives a truly Catholic life
- Respects the rights and dignity of all people as children of God
- Understands the Catholic faith and its history
- Becomes an actively involved and registered member of church and civic institutions
- Thinks, reads, writes and computes at a competency level commensurate with tested educational ability
- Communicates effectively verbally and in writing
- Applies critical thinking skills to everyday living decisions in the light of faith
- Manages time intelligently and productively
- Prepared to meet challenges to advanced studies or job training
- Appreciates learning as a lifelong process

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Vatican Council II, Declaration on Christian Education, *Gravissimum Educationes*, (28 October 1965), no. 1.

<sup>2</sup> John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation, On Catechesis in Our Time, *Catechesi Tradendae*, (16 October 1979), no. 20.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, no. 69.