

**A DISCERNING
BELIEVER**



I. A DISCERNING BELIEVER Formed in the Catholic Faith Community who

- a. Illustrates a basic understanding of the saving story of our Christian faith.
- b. Participates in the sacramental life of the church and demonstrates an understanding of the centrality of the Eucharist to our Catholic story.
- c. Actively reflects on God's Word as communicated through the Hebrew and Christian scriptures.
- d. Develops attitudes and values founded on Catholic social teaching and acts to promote social responsibility, human solidarity and the common good.
- e. Speaks the language of life..."recognizing that life is an unearned gift and that a person entrusted with life does not own it but that one is called to protect and cherish it." (Witnesses to Faith)
- f. Seeks intimacy with God and celebrates communion with God, others and creation through prayer and worship.
- g. Understands that one's purpose or call in life comes from God and strives to discern and live out this call throughout life's journey.
- h. Respects the faith traditions, world religions and the life-journeys of all people of good will.
- i. Integrates faith with life.
- j. Recognizes that "sin, human weakness, conflict and forgiveness are part of the human journey" and that the cross, the ultimate sign of forgiveness is at the heart of redemption. (Witnesses to Faith)

“Our Catholic schools offer an extraordinary contribution to the social and environmental fabric of our society and world. In partnership with parents, who bear the primary responsibility for the education of their children, all those who work in Catholic education are called to reflect, in a faithful and discerning fashion, God's presence in this world.” (RTP pg. 3)