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### **Mission**

In the papal document, "The Catholic School, Its Character and Mission," the question of what constitutes a Catholic school is treated extensively. The task of the Catholic School is: "...fundamentally a synthesis of culture and faith, and a synthesis of faith and life: the first is reached by integrating all the different aspects of human knowledge through the subjects taught, in the light of the gospel; the second in the growth of the virtues of the Christian."

In attempting to fulfill this mission, the school undertakes the following activities and celebrations as part of the life of our school.

### **Sacramental Celebrations**

- The students and staff generally celebrate Mass weekly.
- There is Reconciliation service during Advent and Lent, as well as other small class celebrations throughout the year.

### **School Feast Day**

- The feast of St. Catherine of Siena is on April 29 and is celebrated with a special liturgy and possibly a Mass.

### **Staff Prayer**

- The staff meets every school morning for prayer.

### **Religious Education Program**

- The school follows a program approved by the Vancouver Archdiocese. The sacramental program involves First Reconciliation and First Communion in grade two. The sacrament of Confirmation occurs in grade seven. There are a number of celebrations and events associated with each program. These serve as an integral part of our regular activities.

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