

Our Purpose and What We Believe

PURPOSE:

Sancta Familia Academy, is organized exclusively for educational purposes which include, but are not limited to, the supporting of parents who choose to educate their children at home, and the establishment and operation of a private school for home educating families and a collegiate-style cottage school where professional teachers coordinate classes and parents act as co-instructors on off-campus days in a satellite location typically the home. We are in association for encouragement and mutual edification of those who recognize the scriptural imperative and constitutional right to so educate their children. We place a strong emphasis on spiritual maturity and training along with the other educational disciplines, such as a classical model of academic training and instruction.

Our common goal is to see our children excel in every area of growth: spiritually, academically, physically, emotionally and socially. The character of this corporation is defined by the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Scriptures and the Traditions of the Catholic Church.

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

We believe in God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

The *Symbolum Apostolorum* was developed between the second and ninth centuries. It is the most popular creed used in worship by Western Christians. Its central doctrines are those of the Trinity and God the Creator. Each of the doctrines found in the creed can be traced to statements current in the apostolic period. The earliest written version of the creed is perhaps the *Interrogatory Creed of Hippolytus* (ca. A.D. 215). The current form is first found in the writings of *Caesarius of Arles* (d 542).

Further, we believe the Holy Bible as contained in the Old and New Testaments, and the Church as found in papal teachings, has given the parents the final authority and responsibility for the training and education of their children.