



CANTERBURY
SCHOOL

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Canterbury is an inclusive, interfaith community inspired and informed by a Catholic heritage.

What does our Catholic heritage look like today? How, when, and why do our students experience faith while at Canterbury?

We see and support **three "lanes" or pathways of faith** for our students:

An Opportunity to Grow in Faith

Some students arrive with a strong faith foundation and wish to continue deepening that commitment and growing in that faith while here. Catholic students may choose to participate in Canterbury's Confirmation program, aspire to be a Sacristan, and attend Mass. Students who bring other faith backgrounds may attend a local place of worship, join the Interfaith Council, or help lead initiatives on campus via the D'Amour Center for Faith, Service & Justice.

An Introduction to Faith

Some students arrive with little exposure to faith and are introduced to prayer, religious traditions, and a foundation of faith while at Canterbury. The seeds of faith are planted, and these students resolve to learn more and decide how they want to carry that forward in their lives.

A Framework of Respect for Faith Traditions

Some students arrive without a connection to faith and ultimately decide that religion will not play a formal role in their lives. But they do learn to respect different religious traditions and understand why faith plays an integral role in the lives of others.

No "Fourth Lane"

The lane found at most high schools does not exist at Canterbury: students cannot "opt out" of learning about different faith traditions, participating in community service, and developing respect for the role religion plays in the lives of others.

Within a high school experience framed by Catholic values and guided by an individual faith journey, Canterbury students develop a deep sense of self and purpose and embrace their role as ethical citizens in an increasingly interconnected and complex world.