SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL strives to bring the nurturing charism of Caritas Christi – the love of Christ – to our community of faith and learning. In the 17th century, Jesus revealed a vision of His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, the patroness of our school. It is the heart of Jesus that impels us to live Caritas Christi. By embodying Gospel values we can be the heart of Christ in the world today.

OUR CORE PRINCIPLES

To live **CARITAS CHRISTI** is to be a person of:

COMPASSION,

who ACTS and SPEAKS with concern for others.

"Do nothing from selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves."
- Philippians 2:3

- Affirm the inherent value and dignity of each person
- Be present to another's needs
- Forgive another, as you would want to be forgiven

HUMILITY,

who UNDERSTANDS themselves in relationship to God.

"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve." – *Mark 10:45*

- Express gratitude to God for life's many gifts
- Engage life as a "We" rather than a "Me" person
- Use one's gifts in service to others

JUSTICE,

who RESPECTS and ADVOCATES for the dignity of ALL PEOPLE and CREATION.

"Blessed are those who do what is right, whose deeds are always just." – *Psalm 106:3*

- Give generously without expecting something in return
- Speak and act truthfully in all circumstances
- Seek and promote the well-being of others

GOODNESS,

who reflects the image of God in THOUGHT, WORD and ACTION.

"You have been told what is good, and what the Lord requires of you:
Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." – *Micah 6:8*

- Develop and demonstrate moral character that reflects the virtues of Christ
- Encourage one another and build one another up
- Accompany each other on life's spiritual journey