



MARIN CATHOLIC
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Casting out into the deep through...

Composing a new department statement of philosophy
in light of our mission



Establishing formal criteria for our literary text selection



Conducting a review and redesign of our course offerings

Department Statement of Philosophy

Animated by our mission to foster the emerging poet, philosopher, and saint in each of our students, the Marin Catholic English Department examines, through the study of excellent literature, the transcendental realities of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. Guided by our departmental root beliefs and dispositional standards, we help students to grow their skills in the key areas of reading, writing, and learning in community. Over the course of their four years of study of great literary works that challenge, transform, and delight, Marin Catholic students will come to understand that our shared human experience is best revealed through story.

ROOT BELIEFS

of the



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Encounters with Truth, Goodness, & Beauty are encounters with God

Literature challenges, transforms, & delights.

Our shared human experience is best revealed through story.

Human flourishing happens in community.

LEARNING PRIORITIES

of the



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READING

*Our shared human experience is best
revealed through story.*

WRITING

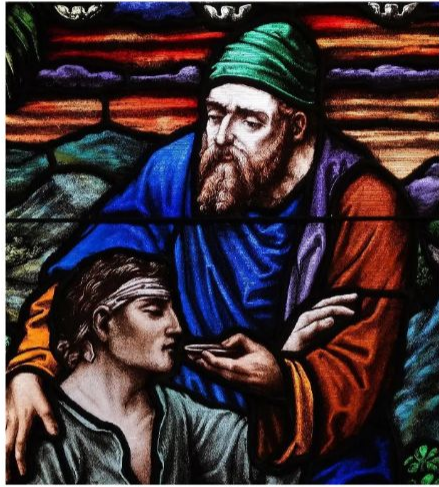
*Literature challenges, transforms,
and delights.*

LEARNING IN COMMUNITY

*Human flourishing happens in
community.*

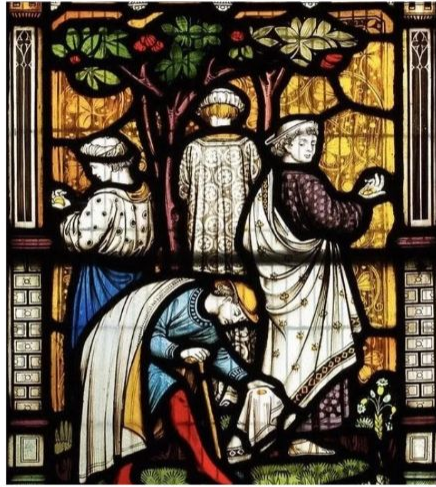
GOODNESS + TRUTH + BEAUTY

Scriptural Inspiration by Grade Level



The Good Samaritan
English 9

Essential Question:
How ought I relate to others?



The Road to Emmaus
English 10

Essential Question:
What does it mean to be human?



The Sower
English 11

Essential Question:
What is truth?



The Prodigal Son
English 12

Essential Question:
What does it mean to be truly free?