

Lower School Apostolate / Faith Community

As a community built on faith in God, the Lower School joins the Preschool and Upper School in fulfilling our apostolic missions to care for those in need and to protect the natural resources He has provided us. The steps we will take to carry out our apostolate include:

Community

Garden

- Raising plants and trees that provide produce to feed the poor
- Food drives for Solidarity families

Fundraising

- Chick-Fil-A proceeds for charity
- Smoothies proceeds for charity

Conservation

- The Lower School will join the Green Schools Alliance
- Education in sustainability – classroom lessons and activities, service projects, faculty meetings, information to parents in newsletters, speakers
- Establish recycling program – bins; participation at all grade levels
- School will monitor energy usage over a four-week period (competing against ourselves)
- Friday patrol team – Sixth grade houses will ensure lights, computers, monitors, speakers, printers, copiers, projectors, power strips, and coffee machines are turned off
- Battery recycling program – adopted, organized and maintained by the technology club
- Timers on HVAC units and thermostats
- Runoff from HVAC reused to water plants
- Use of natural light whenever possible
- Gradually install T-12 bulbs in fluorescent lighting
- Paper conservation – go paperless wherever possible; use double sides when paper is necessary
- Use green-seal certified cleaning agents and recycled paper products
- Biodegradable cups, paperware and cutlery in cafeteria

Faith Community

- Virtue of the Month program tailored to each grade level
- Service projects at every grade level
- 5th grade students introduce the virtue of the month to preschool students at the Solidarity preschool
- Service clubs

- Retreats –2nd grade First Communion retreat; 4th grade: separate gender retreats once a year; 5th grade: two coed retreats a year; 6th-grade: two coed retreats a year (some activities are separated by gender during the 5th and 6th grade retreats)
- Marian Society – Rosary in the chapel every Friday morning before the start of the school day
- Spiritual talks during faculty meetings
- Wednesday Fellowship Dinners
- Four Friday movie evenings
- *Parent Like a Champion* sportsmanship program
- Parent Bible studies