



# Imago Dei Neighborhood School

BRINGING LEARNING TO LIFE

## CHRISTIAN FAITH COMMITMENT

*Faculty, staff, and Board members are expected to affirm their agreement with this statement. Imago Dei parents, guardians, and students are most welcome in our school community, with or without a religious practice; however, it is vital that parents and guardians understand that the following Christian teachings are foundational to the school's educational and spiritual orientation and commitments.*

We believe that God is sovereign over all things and the maker of heaven and earth.

- We believe that God is a triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe that all humankind is created by God in His image.
- We believe that as God's image-bearers, all humankind is full of dignity and worth.
- We believe that we are more sinful than we ever dared to imagine.
- We believe that because we are sinful, we need God the Father to save us, which He does because He loves us more than we ever dared to dream.

We believe that God the Father sent His only Son, Jesus Christ.

- We believe that Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary and born unto her.
- We believe that He was both fully God and fully man – with two distinct natures in one person.
- We believe that He bore our sins upon the cross, saving us from an eternal life of misery and bringing us into an eternal life of glory and grace.
- We believe that He lived a sinless life, died, thus paying the price that our sins deserve.
- We believe that He rose from the dead, thus defeating death for all-time for those who repent and believe.
- We believe that salvation comes only by this gracious act and not in anything we do to merit it, and we believe that through this act we are credited with His righteousness.

We believe that this act of supreme love is applied to our lives and His righteousness developed, through the work of the Holy Spirit. In cooperation with the Holy Spirit, as He works through our study of scripture, worship, and fellowship with others, we can expect our attitudes, desires, and behaviors to become more Christ-like and, consequently, a blessing to others.

We believe that the Bible is fully inspired by God in its original text.

- We believe it is inerrant, free from error.
- We believe it is completely trustworthy, and effective for teaching and correction.
- We believe anyone can read it and understand what is needed for salvation, faith and practice.

We believe that the Church is God's chosen instrument to continue His work until He returns. We believe that loving our neighbor by pursuing biblical justice and equitable education options is a part of this work.

We believe that Jesus Christ will return to judge the world, thus ushering in a new era where all things will be made new and the effects of sin will be abolished forever.

*We acknowledge that the statements above do not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of humankind. Within the school context, Imago Dei's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline is ultimately the responsibility of the Board of Directors.*

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