



# Essential Elements of a Brother Rice Christian Brothers Education

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## I. Evangelize Youth within the Mission of the Church.

- proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed
- permeate the entire curriculum, activities, and all aspects of the educational process with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ
- encourage young people to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ
- provide opportunities for liturgies, retreats, vocation awareness workshops and daily prayer

## II. Proclaim and Witness to Catholic Identity.

- give priority to religious instruction with opportunities for faith development and theological understanding
- participate in the sacramental life of the Church and model a living faith through the use of rituals and symbols
- foster devotion to Mary and the communion of saints
- ensure that Catholic identity permeates all endeavors: all classes and activities, procedures and policies, services and programs

## III. Stand in Solidarity with those Marginalized by Poverty and Injustice.

- promote policies and structures that reflect a climate of compassion for the poor and disadvantaged
- include education and advocacy for peace, justice, global awareness and care for the Earth
- prepare students to work toward the creation of a just society
- encourage ministry experiences that work with and serve the poor and marginalized
- support mission areas at home and abroad
- establish tuition and scholarship policies that open educational opportunities to the poor and disadvantaged

## IV. Foster and Invigorate a Community of Faith.

- provide a disciplined, safe atmosphere in which students are free to grow and take responsibility for

their own learning and for the life of the community

- sustain compassionate, respectful relationships among all stakeholders
- be in union with the Church through commitment to service and formation of community
- encourage faculty and staff to give daily witness to their integral role in communal faith formation
- embrace the human condition and welcome God's healing

## V. Celebrates the Value and Dignity of Each Person and Nurture the Development of the Whole Person.

- promote respect for each individual as created in the image and likeness of God
- value the diversity of the human family and seek to reflect diversity among the student, faculty and staff
- promote strong programs for personal, professional, and pastoral care
- offer co-curricular activities and programs that are important to a student's holistic education
- strive to provide just remuneration for faculty and staff

## VI. Collaborate and Share Responsibility for the Mission.

- empower all members of the community to share in the mission
- work with parents who are the primary educators
- collaborate with Edmund Rice Christian Brother ministries on local, regional, and international levels
- foster a deeper understanding of the vision of Blessed Edmund
- promote active participation in governance by boards and diocesan officials

## VII. Pursue Excellence in all Endeavors.

- promote a strong academic curriculum and cultivate a desire for excellence
- develop an educational culture that fosters the growth of the whole person, higher-order thinking, and life-long learning