

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

The philosophy of Bishop Hartley High School Religious Education and Campus Ministry is founded on the basic premise of the philosophy of all Catholic education:

“To proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all, to transform humankind into new life in Christ, to train individuals to live consciously faith-filled lives as children of God.”

Religious Education and Campus Ministry shares with the entire school community the tasks: to proclaim Christ’s message, to participate in efforts to develop community; to lead people to worship and prayer, and to motivate to serve. While it is the task of the entire school community, Religious Education and Campus Ministry play a special role in forming our students to carry out this mission.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Bishop Hartley is a Roman Catholic High School. To enrich our students with the fullness of this tradition there are certain activities that are considered integral to our religious atmosphere and religious curriculum. Among these are the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, retreat opportunities, and service to the community. ALL STUDENTS, regardless of their religious affiliation are required to be present for these opportunities and to respond in a manner that is befitting and respectful of any religious activity or service.

Liturgy & Sacraments

Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass)
Liturgy of the Hours
Community Reconciliation Services

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In addition to attending all-school Reconciliation Services during the Church's Advent and Lenten Seasons, Pastors and Parochial Vicars from our feeder schools are invited to celebrate the individual reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent and Lent. This is open to all faculty and staff as well. In addition, all students are encouraged to participate in the Penance Services offered through their parishes.

Counseling & Spiritual Direction

All members of Religious Education and Campus Ministry are available for spiritual direction or counseling. Pastors, parochial vicars, priests, deacons and youth ministers from our feeder parishes are encouraged to meet with their parishioners yearly. Extra religious instruction and sacramental preparation will be made available to non-Catholic students and faculty with questions regarding Roman Catholic doctrine, beliefs and practices.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Ministry Programs & Organizations

Liturgical Choir Ministry
Annual Diocesan J.O.I.N. Drive
Leadership Training Process
Outreach Programs
Pro-life Club
Religion Class Masses and Planning
Reflect & Revive
Retreat Leader Formation

Peer Ministry
Vocations Awareness
Bereavement Ministry
Military Ministry
Annual Food Drive
Liturgical Ministries Training
Julias

Junior Christian Leadership - Religion Course

Students as Sophomores can apply to be accepted into Junior Christian Leadership Course. By examining Jesus and others who have followed His ways of leadership, the students will discover virtuous leadership, which is authentic leadership. Students will have opportunities to examine their own ways of leadership and apply them in practical ways in and outside the school setting.

Students will:

- Plan school wide liturgies and prayer services
- Organize and implement Service Drives for the School
- Develop their leadership skills
- Learn about the Sacraments in the life of the Church and the individual Christian
- Apply their understanding of morality as taught by the Catholic Church to contemporary situations

RETREATS

CAMPUS MINISTRY

The goal of the Campus Ministry Program at Bishop Hartley High School is to foster and grow the culture of the school in which members of the Hartley family are led to follow Christ more closely, making God known, loved, served, and celebrated throughout our community.

The Campus Ministry Program is a resource for students as they continue to live and explore their faith. We also serve parents as they strive to live out their sacred role as primary educators of their children in the faith. The campus ministry program at Bishop Hartley strongly encourages parents and students to maintain spiritual connection with the universal Church in active participation at the home parish.

RETREAT PROGRAM

The goals for campus ministry for each class is to continue the intentional development of their relationship with God so that graduating seniors have the tools to enter the world as young people of faith. Each year students navigate on the path towards that goal by focusing on the following themes:

Freshmen

Building up the Bishop Hartley culture, especially the pillars of faith, community, and spirit. Led by leaders from the Junior Christian Leadership class, students will find that Hartley is first and foremost a Catholic School rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ

Sophomores

Understanding their identity as Sons and Daughters of God, and how important it is to set our worth in Christ before anything or anyone else. Led by Campus Ministry and youth ministers from feeder parishes, and hosted at Damascus Catholic Mission Campus.

Juniors

Getting back to the basics and proposing questions that lead students to discover that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Along the way, a series of dynamic competitions reveal the joy and greatness of the Christian life. Led by Damascus Catholic Missionaries at Damascus Catholic Mission Campus.

Seniors

In the spirit of the Kairos retreat program, we are called to “live the 4th” as we come to know Christ more deeply, find the strength in the sacraments and each other, to live out our Christian values in the world and share the Good News with others.