



Religion

Love All, Serve All

The East Catholic Religion Department is authentically Catholic and ecumenically welcoming. In the senior year, students learn to appreciate the diversity of faiths that make up our world community through their study of religions of the world. In Religion classes, students learn the essential teachings of the Catholic faith, engage in dialogue, and reflect on how it impacts their own lives. Students are empowered to share their own ideas and think critically about the concepts being taught. We use a variety of teaching techniques to engage each student, such as: collaborative group work; projects; student presentations; seminars; and media presentations.



SERVING OTHERS WITH COMPASSION

All students participate in a service-learning experience called **STRETCH**, which stands for:

Service That Requires Engaging The Compassionate Heart



Service Learning involves working face- to- face with those who are served, and then reflecting on the experience. We have a number of formal relationships with local organizations where students may choose to complete their service hours, such as: ImmaCare Shelter; South Park Inn; Manchester Manor; MARC; and the University of St. Joseph's Gengras Center.

Course of Study

Freshman Year

Bible Survey

Sophomore Year

Church & Sacraments

Junior Year

Christian Ethics

Senior Year

Call to Faith

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is done in the local parish. Our program enhances student spiritual growth at home and in church.

Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry, a critical component of the Catholic mission of East Catholic High School, offers a comprehensive pastoral program that includes retreats, spiritual formation, service outreach, peer ministry, bereavement support, spiritual formation of faculty and staff and prayer. Campus Ministry is also a safe and welcoming place for students to come, relax and find companionship.

Additional activities: For juniors and seniors, we offer an overnight Kairos retreat. We also organize school-wide projects and provide an opportunity to go on service trips such as Nazareth Farm, West Virginia. Campus Ministry creates opportunities for students to reflect on their faith and come to know God through various types of prayer, such as the Rosary, Mass, Stations of the Cross, and Adoration.