



# SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

Saint Martin de Porres is a Catholic elementary school, whose primary purpose as a Christ-centered community is to teach and practice the message of Jesus.

Like our patron, Saint Martin de Porres, we make daily prayer, communal worship, and service to others an essential part of our life together.

We strive to prepare our students to meet the obligations and challenges of Christian living in a responsible and self-disciplined manner.

In our child-centered curriculum, the uniqueness of all students and their God-given talents are accepted and developed to meet the demands of a changing world.

We foster close cooperation between teachers and parents, the first primary educators, in guiding each child toward clarifying values, accepting responsibility for his or her actions, experiencing a sense of accomplishment, and developing an appreciation of self-worth.

By implementing this philosophy, we hope our students will be a credit to themselves, their families, school, church, and community.