



## **A Vision for Christendom Academy**

We are proposing a K-8 classical school for Omaha that would bring forth a renewal of Christian culture in our world, beginning with our children. Such a culture naturally stems from prayer, but also, as Bishop Conley of the Diocese of Lincoln has stated, from books, forming students in the great tradition of the classical mind.

### **Daily Mass**

The culture at Christendom Academy would invite ascent in virtue and holiness. The school day ought to begin with daily Mass, for as Josef Pieper points out, "school," from the Latin, "scola," properly speaking, means leisure, and leisure can only be possible and justifiable on the basis of divine worship.

### **Great Books**

We are proposing a curriculum steeped in wonder. At the heart of this curriculum are the Great Books, the original works of the greatest minds in our tradition. Introducing students to the Great Books allows students to explore the workings of the natural world, to consider the most profound realities about the human person, and to contemplate the greatest mysteries of God Himself.

### **Socratic Dialogue**

Those who have read the dialogues of Plato will have noticed the emphasis on inquiry as the device through which ideas are explored. Christendom Academy's teachers, from the humanities to math and science, would guide the class through ideas by the questions that the teacher asks of the students, the answers that they give, and the further questions that those answers inspire. By applying the Socratic method, students can engage themselves with the material in a way that no textbook can provide. The Socratic method allows students to get to the underlying truths of the texts they read and concepts they strive to understand.

### **Joyful Teachers**

We would recruit teachers from colleges recommended by the Newman Society's Guide to Choosing a Catholic College, from Nebraska colleges, and from smaller liberal arts colleges such as Wyoming Catholic College, University of Dallas, Christendom College, Hillsdale, St. John's, and Thomas Aquinas College. Such recruits would also have the opportunity to live in community as part of our "missionary educators" program. We would also welcome parents of Christendom Academy students to join our faculty and staff.

### **Tuition-Free Options**

We believe that an education that sets a person free ought to be tuition-free. We are therefore dedicated to providing options for families who would like or who need free tuition for all of their children. All children of parents who teach or who fill a needed administrative position (including work-from-home positions) would attend Christendom Academy tuition-free. Such options will become more diverse as we develop.

### **Nature-Based**

Christendom Academy's campus will have a garden to help students learn the value of good stewardship and connect them to the food they eat. Ultimately, the school would work toward expanding this program in collaboration with a local farm.

### **Frequent Field Trips**

Christendom Academy would organize field trips. Lots of field trips. Building upon the principle of an integrated curriculum at each grade level, lessons in each class would also, as frequently as possible, be integrated with tangible experiences.

### **Liturgical Living**

Christendom Academy would design its school calendar each year to enhance the liturgical customs and culturally rich feast days of the Church as well as both the penitential and festive elements of the same. The Church's small "t" traditions are often an introduction to a Christian's devout life and are certainly building blocks to restoring a new Christendom.

### **Upper Schools**

While we are currently only planning on building a K-8 school, there are two Catholic, classical options for high school aged students. First, St. Barnabas Classical Academy (f/k/a Chesterton Academy of Omaha) provides a full time classical education for 9th through 12th grade. Second, Immaculate Conception Church offers some courses, primarily Math, at the high school level. Both of these high schools comport with our educational vision for Christendom Academy.

**Join us for an informational meeting on Saturday, March 16, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 4512 S. 32nd St., Omaha, NE 68107. Please register your interest prior to the meeting.**

**For additional information, the completed pages of our website are linked below. The site will be updated and more information will be sent out as we move forward.**

**Register Interest**



Carter and Cecily Lowman with children Felicity, Cordelia, and Jude

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