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*Educating Inquiring Minds and Discerning Hearts*

### **Religious Education at St. George's School**

The phrase at the top of the page is taken from the liturgy for Holy Baptism in the Book of Common Prayer, the book we use in our worship. It is part of the prayer we offer for the newly baptized.

**“Sustain your child, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give your child an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.**

The religious education component at St. George's School is rooted in the baptismal covenant. In it we believe we are forgiven for sin and raised to new life in Jesus Christ. As His disciples, we are called to continue in apostolic teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and public and private prayers. We are called to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are called to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We are called to be witnesses for justice and peace. We are called to respect the dignity of every human being.

How are these ideals communicated effectively to students? Our teachers and staff are called to model the Christian lifestyle to the students of St. George's School by example and through age and grade appropriate religious instruction. Daily prayer at the beginning and ending of the school day, grace at lunch and snack, and weekly chapel services led by the clergy focusing on the themes of the religious instruction all come together as effective ways of presenting and reinforcing the faith component of education. The best teaching is still, however, by example.

We at St. George's School seek to provide the religious and moral foundation for a life to be lived with joy in the presence of God. We are committed to providing a top quality academic experience as well as an experience of positive self-worth and personal responsibility as a child of God.

Thank you for considering St. George's School experience for your child. Any questions you might have about religious education at St. George's School may be directed to The Rev. John W. Henry II, Rector of St. George's. Fr. Henry may be reached at 518.371.6351 or [rector@stgeorgescp.org](mailto:rector@stgeorgescp.org)