



THE HOLY CROSS WAY

Charism is a gift of the Holy Spirit, a living passion, the beliefs and values that the Catholic community shares. These are reflected in what is done, how it is done and who is doing it. In a Catholic Christian educational context, Charism can be viewed as a spiritual energy that permeates our community based on significant people, virtues and stories.

At Holy Cross, our charism is built upon our school's identity as a centre of, well-being and learning in the Catholic tradition through:

Relationships:

- Accepting others and building lots of different relationships with everyone.
- Treating each other with respect and love, like family.
- Including and accepting all for who they are and having fun together.

"Just at the foot of the cross, Jesus said to his mother, "woman here is your son. Then to the disciples, "Here is your mother. From that moment, the disciples accepted her as his own."

John 19:25

Community:

- Acting as one body and one community, getting together as one school to pray, to learn, to play and to celebrate.
- Helping those within our community as well as beyond it.

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not have all the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."

Romans 12:4-5

Service:

- Showing compassion to the less fortunate and serving as Jesus would want us to.
- Gathering as one to make a difference.
- Following in Jesus' footsteps and treating others as we would like to be treated.

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

Luke 9:23

Stewardship:

- Caring for the environment as God's creation.
- Looking after our families, those in our community, people in our local area and those beyond it, in an empathetic way.
- Respecting God's house; our church.
- Encouraging all to make a difference in the world in some way.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

Peter 1:4-10

"We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered."

Galatians 6:14