

New FMCA Family The Paupore's

“During Madelyn’s short time in the public school system, there have been experiences that have given us pause. As most parents do, Eric and I spend a lot of time in thoughtful discussion and careful consideration about what is best for our child’s future. We desire to find a safe place with a good balance of challenging curriculum and gentle guidance. During our conversation with Mrs. Hocking, she shared how virtues are incorporated into teaching at Father Marquette. This reinforces lessons Madelyn is learning at home and is an element of instruction missing from other schools.

Recently, a family member shared the image of Christ at the heart’s door. I was moved by how fitting it was, as I have been experiencing a strong call to help Madelyn grow academically and spiritually. It was a reminder that the path which led us to your school was not our timing alone, but His.”



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Blessed to be Living the Virtues

Saint Augustine said, "Try to acquire the virtues you believe lacking in your brothers. Then you will no longer see their defects, for you will no longer have them yourself." Being virtuous is a way of life at Father Marquette Catholic Academy. Students are not only taught the virtues at FMCA but are provided with opportunities to live in their virtues, to both practice and experience their virtues in a variety of ways. Our teachers and staff are excellent mentors for our students, modeling the virtues and helping them come to life. Today, more than ever before, we must prepare our students to approach life in a virtuous way. Our students, like us, are called to be Saints. This is how we will improve the world around us.

Dr. Jessica Betz



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Virtues in the Classroom and Beyond

By Maryann Johnson

My name is Maryann Johnson, and I have been teaching middle school Social Studies at Father Marquette for the past four years. Students at Father Marquette Catholic Academy have a rigorous schedule of academics each day. Middle school students have eight classes a day including Band/Choir, Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Theology, and Art/Latin. Students are also enrolled in a "quarter-long" class each quarter like Logic or Geometry. Our students are well-prepared academically for graduation and moving onto high school, whether that be a public or private school. However, our students are not only well-prepared for the future academically, but also well-prepared in virtue and faith.

As a former high school Social Studies teacher for seven years and now at the middle school level at FMCA, I have seen the positive impact of the virtue program and a curriculum grounded in faith. Our students learn life skills and build their knowledge of the Catholic faith to carry with them for the rest of their lives. There are a variety of virtues we have focused on this year including kindness, honesty, prayerfulness, prudence, respect, and trustworthiness. Continually working on these virtues and continuing to build a deeper faith will be a skill that our students will use in the future, long after high school. At Father Marquette, we equip students with the necessary skills to be well-rounded individuals, whatever life may bring.

Maryann Johnson



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Temperance

By Everett Boburka



Going to Father Marquette Catholic Academy has taught me a lot. Perhaps one of the most important things I have learned at Father Marquette are the many virtues that are discussed, both in and out of class. One of the virtues that I have used at Father Marquette is temperance. Temperance is the quality of moderation or self-restraint. Personally, I believe it helps with patience. Many middle school students struggle with temperance, but when used with the virtue of kindness, it makes us better people. We are often told that to make a friend, we must be a friend. Our own Bishop has told us that we should be friends with Jesus, then make a friend, then introduce our friend to Jesus. What better way to be a friend than to be kind and patient. The virtues learned at Father Marquette Catholic Academy will help me for the rest of my life.

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