



# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

*A SISTERS OF UNION-CHRÉTIENNE DE SAINT CHAUMOND SCHOOL*

## **Early Childhood Program 2017-2018**

### **Our Goal:**

- To provide your child with a Catholic education and bring God's love into teaching
- To make your child's first school experiences filled with love, joy and laughter
- To help young children become self confident, independent, caring, curious learners
- To offer the best possible curriculum for today's three and four year old students
- To encourage your child to establish good habits and attitudes
- To enhance the skills of learning through daily exposure to the French and Spanish languages
- To encourage a positive sense of self which will ensure their successful transition to Kindergarten

### **Our daily schedule will offer a creative and learning balance between the following activities:**

- Active and quiet time
- Large and small group activities
- Indoor and outdoor play time
- Opportunities for children to select their own activities, and time for teacher-directed activities
- Activities to develop gross and fine motor skills

All activities and lessons are designed to generate an excitement for learning without the pressure to learn, and to give the children the opportunity to learn at their own pace.

These include:

*Bible stories and values*

*Creative Art*

*Physical Exercise*

*Free-Flow Activities*

*Library*

*Language Arts*

*Literature*

*Problem Solving*

*Cooking*

*Computers*

*Dramatic Play*

*Science and Nature*

*Music and Movement*

*Social Studies*

*Mathematics*

Faith formation is of great importance to us. Faith development is incorporated into daily classroom activities and as opportunities present.

Recognizing that play is essential to learning, the curriculum is designed where by children involve themselves in organized or independent activities, which enhance learning through play.

Monthly thematic units of study provide a means for a highly focused program.