

Mission Statement: Catholic Dialogue School

At the crossroads of education, Church and society, the catholic dialogue school warmly welcomes everyone, whatever his or her religious or ideological background may be. Pupils (including those attending boarding school, adult education, college or university students), parents, members of staff, administrators, all of them and without exception are invited to participate in its educational project. Proceeding from its Christian inspiration the catholic dialogue school wants to challenge and empower everyone to these ends:

- As a school it is convinced that quality education is more than just training and instruction. Education generates free persons, competent and standing by each other, people for whom living and living together is meaningful and of great significance. Within the school, learning to learn, learning to work and learning to live (together) go along. Education in its broadest sense empowers children, youngsters and adults to cope with the ever more complex world of today and tomorrow. They learn to discover this world and acquire the skills to immerse themselves in this world with commitment, a critical state of mind and creativity. This school is an inclusive school. It cares for the unique talents of every pupil, with special attention to those who experience difficulties.
- As a catholic school it is proceeding from the fundamental experience that both the human being and the world are a gift and an assignment all at once. As embedded in a network of relations with fellow human beings, with society and with the world, human freedom is a given freedom and incites responsibility. Trusting that the deepest mystery of reality is love, the school considers this love - as the Bible tells us and after the example of Jesus - as a guideline for educating, for living and for living together. The Christian hope originating from this love and the belief in the resurrection, directs the school in its goals and overall functioning.
- Given this view on humankind and on the world, in times of religious plurality, the catholic dialogue school invites everybody to go into dialogue with each other in search of the full meaning of being human. Therefore it brings together Christians, Muslims, Jews, people from other beliefs and non-believers, and all other people who want to find significance in living and living together. In conversation with each other one learns to form one's own identity, through discovering it, thinking about it and deepening it. Instructed by its own mission, the school itself, in words and praxis, brings the Christian voice into this conversation in a contemporary and challenging way, while additionally creating room for those who do not get a chance to enter into the conversation.

Making school in this way requires a persisting effort from everyone and offers room for growth and diversity. Throughout the dialogue the catholic dialogue school enriches itself and is also called to recontextualise its Christian inspiration in the contemporary context. Proceeding from the tradition to which the school belongs and in dialogue with its environment, the catholic dialogue school intends to be a training ground for living (together) in a world that is characterized by diversity and difference. Critically-creatively learning to get along with what is familiar and what is different, with what unites and what distinguishes, enables people to contribute to an open, meaningful, tolerant and enduring society, where everyone has a place - a world of which God dreams too.