

Community Action Responsibility Education C.A.R.E.

St. Cecilia School Tustin, CA

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School Facts

- Pre-School-8th grade Catholic Parochial School
- 350 Students
- Tustin, Orange County, CA
- Credentialed teachers who share Christian values
- Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) / CogAT
- WASC, WCEA, NCEA, CAPSO, SOCAPS, and Sisters of St. Joseph Educational Network

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- Students making peace, justice, and charity part of their everyday lives
- Students and parents serving the needy





Service Awareness Program



"Visiting the elderly made me feel good because I could tell they were excited to see us."

4th grade student

Program Design

Kindergarten through 8th grade

Coordinating with the curriculum



Classroom activities, speakers, and field trips

Cooperative effort between teachers and parents

- Grade 5 Compassion for the physically challenged
 - Curriculum Integration religion and language arts
 - Visit from an alumnus in a wheel chair
 - Classroom simulation activities provided by Children's Blind Center
 - Field Trip to Children's Blind Center

"When we met the kids at the Children's Blind Center, we knew they couldn't see us but we knew they could feel our love for them." 5th grade student





- Grade 7 Tolerance
 - Curriculum Coordination social studies, literature, writing, religion, and art
 - Field trip to the Museum of Tolerance
 - Participation in the Chapman University Holocaust Art and Writing Contest

"It was so memorable to meet and talk to the Holocaust survivors."
I have become more mature and dignified after that wonderful experience."



Laura Beck, 7th grade, 1st Place Winner

- Visits from a priest who escaped from prison in Vietnam, a Jewish Holocaust survivor, and a rescuer of Holocaust victims
 - "I realized that I should not complain so much about something little and worry about things that are more important. You inspired me to care more about what I have than what I want." 7th grade student
 - "Your heartfelt acceptance of my story and letter from the students have made what I silently kept to myself as unfortunate to something worthy for the future." Fr. Tuyen

Evaluation of the Program

- Student growth evident through
 - Curriculum assessment activities
 - Personal growth

Community Response



Design, Articulation, Evaluation

"After going on various life-changing field trips, I have learned something that will stay with me forever: God loves us equally despite our differences." 2006 Graduate

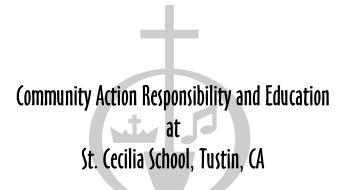
Why is it time to C.A.RE?



Summary Points

- Key Learnings
 - Awareness of needs of others
 - Personal and moral growth of students

- Challenges Still Ahead
 - Turnover of teachers and parents
 - Change in agencies
 - Life values in a consumer society



St. Cecilia School incorporates social teaching into our students' lives through the Community Action Responsibility and Education Program. The program began in 1999 at the request of the administration, who recognized the benefit of learning about social justice within the school environment.

Community Action Responsibility and Education or C.A.R.E. is a program at St. Cecilia School focused on making peace, justice, and charity an everyday part of the lives of students. By providing opportunities for the children to take an active role in serving the poor and needy, we hope to instill in them an appreciation for the blessings in their own lives and a responsible attitude of concern for those in need.

C.A.R.E. is a cooperative effort between teachers and a parent volunteer committee at St. Cecilia School. Each grade level is assigned a focus area and a parent to assist the teacher. The program consists of a speaker, a field trip, and an activity that is arranged within the class focus area. In addition, parents are invited to participate with their child. The program is designed to build understanding each year and to expose the students to a wide range of issues.

Goals and Dreams of C.A.R.E.

- To create in our children an informed and compassionate attitude toward others that will remain with them throughout their lives.
- To teach the children that our call to love and service must not only be learned, but lived at home and at school, and acted upon in our world.
- To model for one another personal and moral responsibility by treating others with respect and consideration in home and at school.
- To put our beliefs into action by reaching out in service to those in need in our community, our country, and the world.

GRADE	OUTREACH AREA	CURRICULUM
Kindergarten	Giving to the needy	Oral language
	 Christmas gifts to 	Religion
	rescue mission	
	 Sponsor a needy family 	
I st Grade	Food collection and resource	Reading
	 Gleaning the fields 	Language arts
	 Plant for next harvest 	Science
	 Awareness of wasted 	Religion
	food at school	
2 nd Grade	Ministry to the sick, shut-ins of	Reading
	the Parish	Language arts
	Make cards for children	Religion
	in the hospital	
	Write letters to Parish	
246	shut-ins	D 1:
3 rd Grade	Racial and cultural awareness of	Reading
	children/mission	Language arts
	Visit cultural center	Social studies
44.0	Visit food bank	Religion
4th Grade	Seniors and convalescent	Reading
	homes	Language arts
	Interview the elderly	Religion
54.0	Serve refreshments	B 1:
5 th Grade	Physically challenged and justice	Reading
	issues	Language arts Social studies
	 Visit Children's Blind Center 	Religion
		Keligion
6th Grade	Simulate blind activity Some homeless and provide for	Reading
6 Grade	Serve homeless and provide for the needy	Language arts
	•	Social studies
	 Money collected and sent to Guatemala 	Spanish
	Write personal letters	Religion
	in Spanish to sponsored	
	child	
	Serve food to homeless	
7 th Grade	Religious, racial, and cultural	Reading
. 3.430	tolerance	Language arts
	Visit Museum of	Social studies
	Tolerance	Art
	Contest participation	Religion
8 th Grade	Family life, values, justice issues	Reading
	Service project for	Language arts
	homeless and unwed	Social studies
	mothers	Science
	Raised funds to donate	Religion
	to Catholic Worker	
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