



Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School

## The Philosophy & Mission of C.A.R.E.S

The philosophy and mission of the Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School's C.A.R.E.S. program is committed to providing quality extended-day child care. The extended day program provides a faith-filled, developmentally-appropriate environment.

The spiritual, social, emotional, cognitive and physical needs of each child are being met. Children's interests and needs are a priority with the staff. Developmentally appropriate materials and equipment are incorporated in a child-centered program.

A safe, healthy and nurturing environment is essential as children further develop social skills through play and enrichment activities. Active and concrete experiences are the most appropriate way for young children to construct knowledge.

### CARES PROGRAM OVERVIEW

#### Hours of Operation:

Opening before school at 7:00 AM and after dismissal until 6:00 PM each school day, the Extension Program in Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School provides professional care, supervision, recreation and enrichment activities. It serves working families who desire both parochial school education and supplementary care in a Catholic environment for children enrolled at school in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eighth.

This professionally operated program allows children to experience a rich diversity of growth activities within a Catholic environment. These activities planned to complement the philosophy and value systems of the school and family. **A few of the activities planned include academic components such as scheduled time for homework, as well as Arts and crafts projects, games, recreation and a snack.**

Within a large family environment, the program strives to provide individual attention, security, consistency and caring treatment for children of working parents.

The CARES Program is staffed a Director, a number of devoted and committed teachers and /or other qualified adults. **The entire program is under the administration of the school principal.** The staff members work together to help each child grow in maturity and self-respect, as well as to maintain an atmosphere where respect and understanding for others is realized.