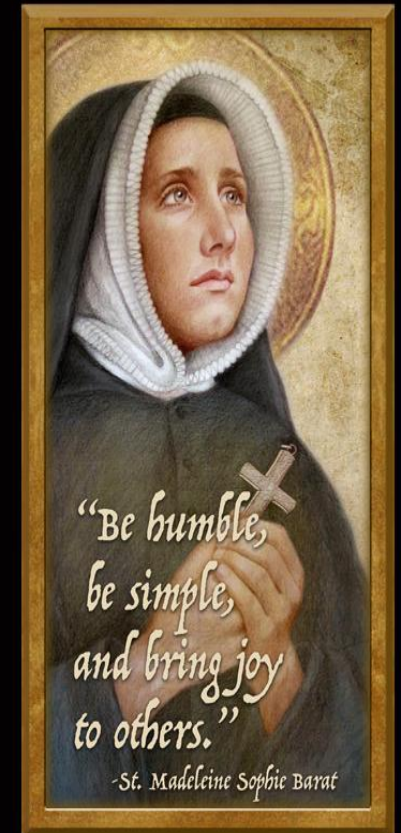




The School Mission and the Fundamental Goals which distinguish the Sacred Heart Education



School Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Education strives to provide a holistic education to all students based on **five goals**:

Faith: Reassure our students that Jesus has made a new society possible through His Death, Resurrection and His living Heart

Character: Value life and the dignity of the person.

Intellect: Seek to instil in each individual student their capacity to relate, think creatively and be critical.

Community: Empower students to become good citizens by being committed to be agents of change for the common good.

Social Awareness: Promote human and Christian values through a sense of justice.

School's Patron Saint - Madeleine Sophie Barat

Name: Madeleine Sophie Barat
Date: 12th December 1779
Birth Place: Joigny, France
Parents: Jacques Barat and Madeleine Foufe
Brother: Louis, who was also her teacher
Friends: Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne
Died: 25th May 1865
Canonized: 24th May 1925 by Pope Pius XI
Feast day: 25th May



She became nun and founded the Society of the Sacred Heart in November 1800. A year later she opened the first school in Amiens. Her two desires were to lead a life of prayer and to help the society of her day. When she died, aged 85, she left 3539 religious in 99 communities in Europe, America and Africa.

Since the opening of the first school in France, Sacred Heart Schools have spread to the five continents and to more than forty countries. The Society worldwide is now divided into 'provinces'. The Ireland-Scotland and Malta are two of them. The Society of the Sacred Heart arrived in Malta and founded the school in 1903. Today we are part of the International Network of Sacred Heart Schools. In Europe, we form part of the Network of Sacred Heart Schools of Ireland, Scotland and Malta. The links between schools within the same province and across provinces is part of our tradition, also expressed in the First Plan of Studies of 1805. In the 1970s the Network of Sacred Heart Schools identified in St. Madeleine Sophie's aims, 5 key characteristics in the development of our students. These characteristics represent the values, which link us back to Sophie's time and take us forward into the future. These values are expressed in terms of the following five goals:

- **A Living FAITH in God**
- **Personal Growth - CHARACTER**
- **Respect for INTELLECTUAL Values**
- **The Building of a COMMUNITY as a Christian Value**
 - **Active SOCIAL AWARENESS**



These Goals show who we are and what we stand for. They guide our behaviour and identify us as belonging to a common family. Every year we identify and work upon the improvement of one of these goals, together with our partner schools in the Irish-Scottish Province.

It is our hope that Sacred Heart education will equip our pupils with the faith and strength needed to face future challenges. We have succeeded when our pupils become responsible members of society confident in their own worth and capable of following their personal missions with energy, purpose and conviction.

One of the important aspects of Sacred Heart Education is the active involvement of parents and guardians in the school community. This involvement is highly valued, recognising that parents and guardians are the primary and most important educators of their children. This involvement also fosters a community spirit, bringing them into contact with pupils, management and staff. Parents and guardians provide valuable support in promoting these values and ethos of Sacred Heart Education. More info about Sacred Heart Schools and education is available via this link:

<https://www.heritageandhorizon.ie/>

