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CATHOLIC HERITAGE
Students are provided a rare insight into their Catholic heritage through the school's devotion to the extraordinary form of the liturgy and beautiful sacred music of the Church. Students participate in the 1500-year-old Latin Mass, of which our late Holy Father, St. John Paul II, asked for "a wide and generous application." Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has echoed this call. Our own Bishop, His Excellency David Malloy, has been gracious in allowing Adoration and Benediction at the Academy on our patronal feast day.



OLSHA IS COUNTER-CULTURAL

- Modest, uniform dress
- Virtue program
- Regular orthodox priest visits
- Disciplined, structured environment
- Pro-life culture, active witness
- First Friday Benediction, Confession and Mass
- History from a Catholic perspective

RECOGNITION AND ACCREDITATION

The Academy is recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education and is accredited by AdvancEd/North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement and by the National Association of Private, Catholic and Independent Schools.

www.advanc-ed.org

www.napcis.org

AFFILIATION

OLSHA is a non-diocesan, non-profit, private K-12 school, operated by Catholic laymen and incorporated under the laws of Illinois. Independent of the Diocese of Rockford, OLSHA is not an agency of and is in no way affiliated with the Diocese or any particular church.

FORMING AMERICAN LEADERS

- Appreciation for our founders, framers and heritage
- Forming conservative leaders prepared to defend their liberty
- Hillsdale College Guide to the Constitution, and authors such as Paine, von Mises and Sowell studied in our required AP-approved Government, Politics and Economics course

ADMISSIONS POLICY

OLSHA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national nor ethnic origin in its admissions policy. It is open to all Catholic students, and to others open to the Catholic faith. Admission is based on character, behavior, academic readiness and parental involvement.



FINANCIAL

Financial assistance is based upon need and the availability of funds. Please inquire for details.

OLSHA

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Life, liberty and the pursuit of holiness.



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Academy

An independent, pre-K-12 college-preparatory school rooted in the classical liberal arts and the Catholic faith.

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MISSION

To Jesus through Mary, we aim to form saints and leaders rooted in the immutable truths of the Catholic faith, appreciative of their Western heritage and religious traditions, in particular the extraordinary form of the Mass and the ancient sacred music of the Church, and inspired to bear witness to others of the Hope that is within them. We challenge each student to pursue perfection in holiness and excellence in academics as we strive to rebuild the culture through truth, faith and service.

ACADEMIC PHILOSOPHY & PROGRAM

Evidenced by our national awards from the Acton Institute and Hillsdale College, the Academy is dedicated to teaching a rigorous curriculum rooted in the classical liberal arts. Our commitment to the enduring principles of Western civilization, Judeo-Christian values and our American heritage and republic is unwavering.

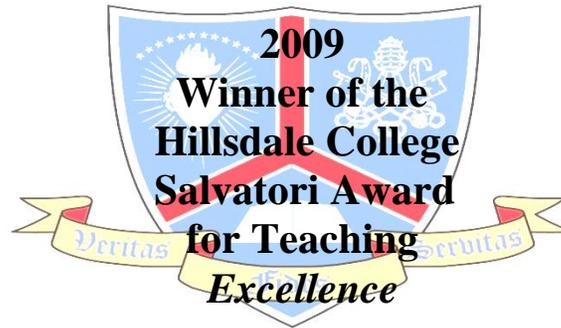
The curriculum is sequential and developmental, providing a solid foundation in the lower school that prepares students for success in the upper school and college. Individual attention ensures that all students' needs are met, whether through acceleration or remediation.



See our website or ask for our *K-12 Curriculum Scope and Sequence* for a snapshot of each grade and subject, and our *High School Course Guide and Catalogue* for detailed information on our high school program.

FACULTY

The heart of the Academy's program lies with our dedicated teachers, who employ proven, traditional teaching methods and best practices. All full-time teachers are practicing Catholics who view all aspects of education through the light of the Faith. Each signs an oath of loyalty to the Magisterium and a profession of faith to the Catholic Church. Our qualified professionals hold degrees in their subject areas, hold advanced degrees, and/or are certified, or their certification is in progress.



PRESCHOOL

Classical disciplines are incorporated into our well-balanced program that provides children with an opportunity to develop the skills and attitudes necessary for independent learning.

KINDERGARTEN

For our new formal learners, the Academy provides a solid academic foundation in a joyful environment. Proven, research-based phonics along with multi-sensory, direct and Socratic instruction ensure reading success for all students.

LOWER SCHOOL

Confident readers, writers and speakers who have mastered their arithmetic facts, gained valuable critical thinking skills, and have a solid background in science and history are prepared for the challenges of the upper school.

- Award-winning *Institute for Excellence in Writing* program with trained teachers
- Baltimore Catechism, Bible study
- Formal study of Latin begins in third grade
- Dictation and memory work
- IOWA test scores exceed national average

UPPER SCHOOL

Students in the junior high are prepared for the rigors of the high school through accelerated courses, and they may earn high school credit in algebra and Latin.

**NAMED A TOP 50
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**
for 2006 by the Acton Institute



All students in the high school earn a college preparatory diploma, and must earn a minimum of 24 credits (exceptions are made for transfer students and on an individual basis). Our signature theology (includes the study of Thomistic philosophy), history and literature courses arm students with the knowledge to defend their Faith, develop an appreciation for their Judeo-Christian heritage and foster loyalty to American ideals.

- 100% college-acceptance rate
- 27 ACT average (national average is 21)
- Honors, advanced and authorized AP courses
- Dual-credit courses at Rock Valley College & Illinois Virtual High School
- Illinois State Scholar and NCAA-approved school; National Honor Society
- Latin, Spanish and French language program
- IHSA track and cross-country offered 2012
- Student government, volleyball, yearbook
- Service hours include Eucharistic adoration

WHY LATIN?

- Latin trains the mind to think in an orderly fashion and improves English skills.
- Latin students scored 159 points better than average on the 2001 SAT verbal section.
- Latin remains the official language of the Church, and is the birthright of every Catholic.

“Latin is not dead, it’s IMMORTAL.”

G.K. Chesterton