



## STATEMENT OF FAITH

NOTE: All employees of Geneva School must sign the “Statement of Faith,” a commitment to the Christian faith, which is central to the core values of the School. The statement is signed upon initial employment with the School.

- We believe in one God eternally existing in three persons, of one substance, power and authority, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The whole universe was created by God from nothing for His own pleasure. He is rightfully sovereign and rules over all creation. He is entirely good and gracious, all-powerful, all knowing and all loving. Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14; Genesis 1:31; John 1:3.
- We believe that man was originally created in the image of God to enjoy fellowship with God and to have responsibility for the earth. God created male and female and He established marriage as a holy union between a man and a woman for the purposes of love, companionship, blessing, procreation and family. As such, it is a reflection and expression of His life-giving, self-giving and moral nature. Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 2:18, 21-25; Mark 10:6-9, Psalm 139:13-16.
- We believe that humanity was alienated from God by Adam’s sin and it is now man’s nature to be disobedient to God. However, man still bears God’s image and thus has dignity and worth. Nevertheless, man’s sin causes him to be separated from a life-giving relationship with God and utterly lost. Genesis 2:15-17; Romans 3:11; Romans 5:12; Genesis 3.
- We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and that He is both undiminished deity and genuine humanity in one person forever. John 1:1; Matthew 1:20-21; Philippians 2:7.
- We believe that entrance into a state of fellowship with God is secured entirely by God’s grace through a person’s belief that Jesus Christ bore our sins in His sacrificial death, was bodily resurrected from the dead and was glorified as Lord and Ruler of all creation. This faith and the outworking of it are evidence of God’s salvation unto eternal life. John 1:12; I Timothy 2:6; Romans 10:9; Ephesians 2:8-10.
- We believe Jesus Christ is the head of “one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church”, the universal body of Christians. His authority is typically and practically expressed through local churches and through families. Parents are responsible to raise their children in the “discipline and instruction of the Lord”. 1 Peter 2:4-6; Ephesians 4:11-16; Ephesians 5:21-6:4; Deuteronomy 6:4-7.
- We believe the Holy Spirit witnesses to Jesus Christ, convicts men of sin, regenerates them from spiritual death to spiritual life and is responsible for continuing the work of Christ in believers. Christians are thus enabled by His indwelling presence to enjoy God and to grow in Christ-likeness. The chief means and fruit of growth are: intimacy with God through the study and observance of His Word, prayer, worship and the sacraments, active love of fellow Christians and being salt and light to the world. John 16:13-14; John 16:8; Titus 3:5-6; II Peter 1:5-8; John 17:17; Colossians 3:14-17; Matthew 5:13-16.
- We believe the 66 books of Holy Scripture as originally given are the complete Word of God, without error, divinely inspired, recorded by men and are the supreme and final authority in faith and life. II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21; Hebrews 4:12-13.

*\*the word “catholic” as used in the Nicene Creed (from which this phrase is taken) means “universal”*



## PORTRAIT OF A GENEVA TEACHER

The School's Portrait of a Geneva Teacher serves as an idealized vision of what the School seeks in each faculty member. The portrait, created in 2010-2011, serves as the basis for faculty evaluations.

- A Geneva teacher is a disciple of Jesus Christ, one who models a love for God through obedience to His Word.
- A Geneva teacher wholeheartedly embraces the mission, vision, purpose and policies of Geneva while embodying the values of integrity and professionalism.
- A Geneva teacher has been properly trained in and has knowledge of the subject(s) being taught and knows and understands the meaning and the magnitude of a classical education. The teacher is a cultivator of knowledge, being a committed, lifelong learner through daily study and regular participation in courses and conferences.
- A Geneva teacher upholds the highest attainable academic standards in the classroom and communicates expectations clearly and effectively, evaluating students according to the philosophy of the Geneva School of Boerne.
- A Geneva teacher encourages students to think about ideas before accepting them, measuring all knowledge against the standard of God's revealed truth in Scripture.
- A Geneva teacher prepares excellent lessons that are age-appropriate and reflect each subject's Philosophy Statement while organizing the curriculum, classroom and materials in a way that offers the most opportunities for students to succeed.
- A Geneva teacher exhibits a high level of respect for self and others through professional demeanor and dress.
- A Geneva teacher communicates in a clear, positive and God-honoring way to colleagues at all times and will accept constructive feedback to affect personal and professional growth.
- A Geneva teacher interacts with students with wisdom and discretion, upholding discipline standards with patience, fairness and consistency and encouraging their personal responsibility, both in and out of the classroom.
- A Geneva teacher communicates well and supports the students and parents by being available and approachable.