



Vision Statement:

“A joyful Catholic community offering a fun, active camping experience and a sense of belonging for all.”

Mission Statement:

The Mission of Camp Bernadette, Camp Fatima, and Exceptional Citizens Week is to create a community where all are welcome. Guided by our Catholic faith we provide a fun and engaging outdoor camping experience where campers and staff learn new skills and grow in faith, confidence, and friendship.

Values:

1. Faithfulness to the Catholic Church and participation in the Church's mission of Evangelization - We guide campers, staff, and volunteers in preaching the Gospel and living the faith through prayer, worship, celebration of the Sacraments, and the Journey & Explore programs. We are guided by the teachings of the Magisterium of the Church and under the apostolic leadership of the Bishop of Manchester. *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age."* - Mt. 28:19-20
2. Promote the health, safety and dignity of all persons - We acknowledge that all persons are created in the image and likeness of God and have equal dignity as God's children. We are committed to fostering a healthy, safe, and supportive environment where campers and staff can flourish and discover their gifts.
3. Encourage healthy Friendships - All campers and staff grow in friendship and deepen their relationships with one another and with Jesus Christ. We foster an environment that encourages the development of lasting friendships that are honest, supportive, authentic, respectful, loving, and understanding. This can lead to the formation of positive lifelong relationships. *"And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them."* - Lk. 6:31
4. Cultivate personal Character Development - We cultivate character development through personal interaction and mentoring relationships. This is accomplished through cabin life, structured activities, the encouragement of imagination and creativity, and the formation of conscience. *"Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire."* - St. Catherine of Siena

5. Strengthen Sportsmanship & Teamwork - We strengthen good sportsmanship and teamwork through participation in fun, competitive sports, challenging outdoor activities, athletic achievement, participation in the arts and the use of. We encourage all campers and staff to use the gifts that they have been given to build one another up and work together as a team to accomplish great things. *"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."* - 1 Thes 5:11
6. Advocate Environmental and Civic Responsibility - We help campers and staff to see the beauty of creation and encourage the understanding that we are called by God to be stewards of the earth. We exercise responsible stewardship of our properties and encourage engagement with the local community.

Methods:

1. Celebration of the Sacraments - Holy Mass, Confession
2. Prayer - Rosary, Adoration, Praise and Worship, Morning and Night Prayers, Grace before meals
3. Faith Formation - Journey & Explore programs
4. Sports -
5. Games - Olympics, Color Wars
6. Waterfront activities
7. Arts
8. Outdoor skills - Archery, Rifle Shooting, Fire Building
9. Use of media
10. Skits & Songs
11. Theater
12. Bernie/Fatima Days
13. Background checks on all staff
14. Mentoring relationships
15. Positive adult association
16. Cleanliness
17. Recycling