101 REASONS TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

1. A Christ Centered Education
2. Prayer before and after eating lunch
3. Prayer at the end of each school day
4. Sacred Music rather than Jingle Bells
5. Weekly Mass with their closest friends
6. Learning about saints and other heroes of faith
7. Praying the rosary
8. Participating in the Stations of the Cross
9. Spiritual retreats
10. Celebrating the true meaning of Christmas
11. Reading scripture regularly
12. Praying with the entire school when disasters or tragedies occur

13. Celebrating All Saints Day instead of Halloween
14. No school on Easter Monday!
15. Learning about science
16. Learning the connection between faith and reason
17. Being able to talk to a teacher about Jesus
18. Sharing faith journeys with each other

19. Seeing the priest on a regular basis
20. Celebrating Mary in May
21. Halls decorated with Jesus, virtues, & scripture verses
22. Talking with friends about what to give up for Lent
23. Congratulating 2nd graders on receiving First Communion
24. Helping St. Vincent's with service projects
25. Hearing Jesus' name regularly, & not as a swear word
26. Getting pets blessed on the feast of St. Francis
27. Getting throats blessed on the feast of St. Blaise
28. Celebrating the Immaculate Conception
29. Seeing teachers at Sunday Mass
30. Connecting service with Catholic social teaching
31. Hearing a consistent pro-life message
32. Easy shopping for school clothes

33. Dominican Sisters
34. St. Nicholas parties
35. Epiphany parties
36. Seeing the same friends at church that they see at school
37. Learning about liturgical colors and seasons
38. Discipline based on gospel values
39. Crucifixes on the walls
40. Statues of Mary, The Sacred Heart and other Saints
41. Religious-themed bulletin boards
42. Nearness to the Blessed Sacrament
43. The chance to lector at school Masses
44. The chance to serve at the altar at school Masses
45. Prayer each morning before the school day begins
46. Learning that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit
47. Engaging in physical education opportunities that focus on achieving their "personal best" each day
48. Seeing religious sisters in habits
49. Hearing a teacher witness to his or her faith
50. Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus at Easter

51. Religious art on the walls
52. A curriculum designed to help students grow in spirituality
53. Learning about sacred music in Choir class
54. The freedom to talk about any religion, rather than no religion
55. Atmosphere that cares about students getting to heaven as well as Harvard
56. Spending seven hours a day in a faith community
57. Learning about all the vocation options in life
58. Being around adults who care about their well-being and success
59. Discussing the religious & ethical implications of stem cell research, abortion, euthanasia, and other life issues, as age-appropriate
60. Dressing up as a saint for All Saints Day
61. Constant support and encouragement in their spiritual life
62. Support for enrichment and remediation of students
63. Ash Wednesday Mass
64. Daily exposure to the Bible
65. Learning about the Catholic contribution to science through great Catholic scientists including Pasteur, Mendel, Lemaitre, and Bacon

66. A mission to educate the whole child: mind, body, & spirit
67. An academic program that helps students become their best selves
68. The freedom to talk explicitly about the creator who has endowed us with the inalienable rights to life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness
69. Learning about the redemptive value of suffering
70. Teachers who explicitly model their instruction after the great teacher, Jesus Christ
71. Celebrating St. Joseph the Worker
72. A strong intellectual history whose tradition of academic excellence is unmatched by any other organization that has ever been
73. The development of a Catholic world view
74. A natural integration with all aspects of family life
75. Moral development based on gospel values
76. An antidote for the surrounding culture's materialistic, image-centric distortions of reality
77. Discovering what it means to live a "Christ-centered" way of life
78. Learning the meaning of life in its fullness
79. Coming to understand that at the heart of every subject is Jesus, "the way, the truth and the life"
80. Learning to recognize the voice of God in all creation
81. Learning to be a living witness to God's love
82. Being constantly reminded that God loves them
83. Parent Nights that begin with prayer
84. Hearing prayers at 8th grade graduation
85. Mass to begin the year

86. Blessing of classrooms on the first day of each school year
87. Mass to end the year
88. Learning about the connection between faith and service to the poor and underprivileged
89. Leadership & service opportunities with a Student Council
90. Classrooms visits by priests, deacons and women religious
91. Learning different ways to pray
92. Awards assemblies that begin with prayer
93. Sports leagues that begin each game with prayer
94. Student council meetings that begin with prayer
95. Becoming comfortable talking about God and faith with peers
96. Spending more hours a day in a room with a crucifix than in a room with a television
97. Learning the history of the Catholic Church
98. Acquiring skills to spread the good news to all corners of the world
99. Opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration
100. Learning about the only thing that really matters: a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, lived out in a community of faith guided by the Holy Spirit, in order to more deeply and devoutly follow will of the Father
101. Catholic Schools Week!

Are you interested in a Catholic Education for your Kids?

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