

# Goals and Criteria

for the Global Network  
of RSHM Schools

- 1 Fostering a personal relationship with God
- 2 Creating unity through diversity
- 3 Instilling a life-long love of learning
- 4 Encouraging and affirming personal growth
- 5 Awakenning a consciousness of social justice
- 6 Fulfilling the RSHM mission: *"That all may have life"*



**Marymount**  
International School Paris  
95 educating hearts &  
minds since 1923  
years

# A Marymount school is a community that commits to:

## 1 Fostering a personal relationship with God

*As a school community, we:*

1. Make God known and loved through Christian living rooted in Gospel values.
2. Welcome and respect the diverse religions of the world.
3. Empower each individual to understand, live and bear witness to her or his faith, in a respectful awareness of others' beliefs.
4. Promote personal and communal prayer and reflection through liturgies, multi-faith services and retreats.
5. Encourage sacramental preparation and active participation in worship.
6. Explore in our religious education program the relationship of humanity to God, through the study of Scriptures, history, traditions, theology, spiritually and ethical systems.
7. Participate in the life of the local Catholic Church and pursue positive relationships with the wider community.

## 2 Creating unity through diversity

*As a school community, we:*

1. Create an atmosphere of respect, forgiveness, openness, and joy.
2. Cherish each of our members and are sensitive to the diverse talents, abilities and needs of each one.
3. Nurture positive and co-operative working relationships among and between students, parents, administration, faculty and staff.
4. Celebrate and share our diverse cultures and national traditions to enhance international understanding.
5. Foster an appreciation for the culture and customs of the country in which we live.
6. Maintain positive relationships with other schools and educational organizations.

## 3 Instilling a life-long love of learning

*As a school community, we:*

1. Provide an educational program of the highest standard that recognizes and develops each individual's potential in a school community: stimulating environment.
2. Ensure balanced intellectual growth through an integrated curriculum.
3. Educate our students to communicate clearly, live co-operatively and function effectively in a global and technological society.
4. Develop an informed awareness of beauty in the universe.
5. Enable students to study and research independently, to think critically, to reflect wisely and to have informed opinions.
6. Maintain a high level of professional development.

## 4 Encouraging and affirming personal growth

*As a school community, we:*

1. Are dedicated to the harmonious growth of the whole person through each individual's physical, emotional, intellectual, social, moral and spiritual development.
2. Conduct our relationships according to the principles of honesty, compassion, truthfulness and mutual respect.
3. Promote a high standard of self-discipline and instill a deep sense of personal responsibility.
4. Provide opportunities to develop skills for effective decision-making and leadership.
5. Cultivate growth in self-knowledge and self-esteem.
6. Encourage appropriate independent action and effective participation in the community.
7. Promote a positive and responsible attitude toward physical and mental well-being.

## 5 Awakening a consciousness of social justice

*As a school community, we:*

1. Respect the sacredness of life and recognize the kinship of all people as God's children.
2. Integrate social justice and human rights issues into the curriculum.
3. Actively and compassionately respond to the needs of others, especially the powerless, the deprived and the marginalized.
4. Are committed to an active social service program.
5. Promote awareness of the interdependence and unity of all life.

## 6 Fulfilling the RSHM mission: "That all may have life"

*As a school community, we:*

1. Share the spirituality, history, and traditions of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary and their Founders.
2. Seek daily to live in the spirit that characterizes the RSHM, "That all may have life".
3. Sustain and nurture the spirit of the RSHM within the school through our leadership and through teaching in collaboration with laity, as a Catholic school with an openness to other religions.
4. Continue our partnership with the RSHM ministries in Africa, and support other needs identified by the General Chapter of the Institute.
5. Participate in the network of RSHM schools throughout the world.