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Appendix B

St. Augustine Preparatory Academy

A K4-12 Non-denominational Christian School

Statement of Beliefs

The Bible: We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are God's words, fully inspired, without mistake, and altogether sufficient in themselves as our only infallible rule of faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:15-17) The Scriptures provide the basis for instruction at St. Augustine Prep.

Creation: The universe and all things created by God in the beginning were made good and perfect as we read in Genesis 1:31, "And God saw everything He made, and behold it was very good."

Humanity: God created both male and female in His own image equally, to enjoy fellowship with the Creator. Furthermore, people, blessed with special gifts far above any other living creature, received God's command to care for and have dominion over all things in order to bring honor and glory to His name. (Genesis 1:26-27, 1 Cor. 10:31)

Sin and Redemption: In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve yielded to temptation and willfully disobeyed God. As a result, we are all sinful and our sin separates us from God. (Isaiah 59:2, 2 Thessalonians 1:9) Our view of the true meaning and purpose of life is also distorted because of sin. All people are born in sin, and Salvation is based upon our belief, faith and acceptance in Jesus Christ. Jesus died on Calvary's cross so that we may have everlasting life through Him. Upon this faith and belief, we may be spiritually born again by God's grace. (John 3:16, Romans 3:23)

Jesus Christ: Jesus Christ, the Son of God who became man, suffered for our sin by His death on the cross so that through Him, humanity and creation are redeemed and reconciled to God. (Colossians 1:20) There is no other way of reconciliation and salvation than through Jesus Christ. (John 3:16) We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. It is through Jesus' death and resurrection on our behalf that our sins are forgiven (Matthew 26:28) and we are seen as righteous in God's eyes. (Philippians 3:9)

The Trinity: We believe that there is one God, existing in three persons: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (John 15:26) God, through His Word, the Holy Spirit, and the world he created, reveals Himself to us. This revelation develops and grows our understanding of God and ourselves in relation to God and others. We believe the Holy Spirit is within every believer in Christ and that he is an abiding helper, teacher and guide. (John 14:26, John 16:7-15, Ephesians 1:13-14)

Christian Journey/Christian Education: We as Christians live in a fallen world and are called to engage with our world in a way that both honors Christ's sacrifice (Mark 16:15) and communicates God's love to all others around us (Matthew 20:28, Psalm 133:1). It is our challenge as educators and believers that every individual in our school should come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. (Matthew 18:14) St. Augustine Preparatory Academy partners with parents to teach students about God's world and prepare them for lives of service. (Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Proverbs 22:6)

Family and Community: We believe that God desires His believers to join together in Christian love and spiritual unity in the name of Jesus Christ. It is our duty to promote harmony. (Psalms 133) We believe that the Biblical family is the most important building block to human society, and as such, it should be nurtured, protected and perpetuated. We believe that marriage and family are divinely created institutions for the benefit of all mankind and should be treated with the utmost respect and integrity (Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:4-5). Equally important is the Church, made up of all people who call upon the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, (Romans 12:3-13) and the defining characteristic of this spiritual family is love for one another. (John 13:34-35)