

# THE RONCALLI FOUNDATION MISSION



The Aberdeen Catholic School System is a preK-12 system with three attendance centers all known as Roncalli, after the family name of St. John XXIII. The ACSS is sponsored by Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Parishes in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Catholic education has served Aberdeen for more than 125 years. Sacred Heart School opened in 1886, St. Mary's School opened in 1913, and Roncalli High School opened in 1964. The schools consolidated into the ACSS in 1980.

The ACSS provides a comprehensive faith-based education, beginning at age 3 and continuing through high school. Our students exceed local, state and national averages on standardized tests, excel in their co-curricular activities, and contribute many hours of Christian service to the community.

The mission statement of the ACSS is "Instilling Catholic values and promoting academic excellence by nurturing mind, body, and soul."

Accredited by the NCA and the State of South Dakota, we follow South Dakota Curriculum standards. Our students and staff are very committed to excellence in academics, activities, and the practice of their faith.

The Roncalli Foundation is a key source of support for the ACSS. It collects and invests donations and provides annual support payments to the ACSS.

As ministries of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's parishes, the ACSS and the Roncalli Foundation also benefit when our friends support the parishes. The information in this guide applies equally to the parishes, school, and Roncalli Foundation.



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Church and School!**

*Supporting  
Sacred Heart  
St. Mary's  
Roncalli*

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