



Give your son the best



A young boy in a dark green military-style uniform with gold buttons and a sash of red and white braided cords stands in a classroom. He is looking off to the side with a serious expression. Other students in similar uniforms are visible in the background, seated at desks. The image is partially covered by a green geometric overlay.

A faith-filled, structured learning and living community where your son can thrive

The four Dominican Pillars are Community, Ministry (Service), Study, and Prayer. St. Catherine's Academy is built upon these, creating a faith-filled community where students of all faiths can grow in their personal spirituality.

MORE THAN A SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY

For over 130 years, St Catherine's Academy has maintained a commitment to our mission: equipping young boys with the integrity, discipline, and knowledge needed to succeed as men and leaders. Adhering to the Dominican pillars that form the spiritual foundation and guide our educational principles, along with a military tradition that enhances positive character growth, we know your son's time at St Catherine's will give him the best preparation for all that life holds for him many years after his time at this school ends.

For well over a century, St Catherine's Academy has been an educational landmark in Southern California. Located in the vibrant city of Anaheim, the school has developed positive connections

with the surrounding community, leveraging its location to enhance the experiences of boys that attend.

The school began in 1889, when the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose established St. Catherine's Academy as Orange County's first Catholic school. Even at that time,

young men of exceptional faith, character, and academic excellence. As an award-winning school that now regularly serves over 50 residential students, we remain committed to the same values and goals with which the school began.

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holistic and spiritually centered nurturing beyond simple academic instruction was at the heart of the staff of St. Catherine's Academy.

Since that time, St Catherine's Academy has continued a rich history of helping boys grow into



Presidents Welcome

Dominican Blessing: May God Creator Bless you.
May God Redeemer Heal you. May God the Holy Spirit
Fill you with light.

I BEGAN THIS LETTER WITH A DOMINICAN BLESSING I SEND TO EACH OF YOU!

It truly is a joy for me to write to you as the President of St. Catherine's Academy.

Since 1889, St. Catherine's has provided a high-quality Catholic education for boys in grades Transitional Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. Even more importantly, the values of faith, honor, and leadership learned at St. Catherine's will last a lifetime.

St. Catherine's Academy is built on the Dominican Charism of Truth which includes four pillars of community, ministry, study, and prayer. Our faculty, administration and military personnel guide students to become successful learners, to deepen their spirituality, to experience the joy of serving others, and to develop lasting character traits, such as honor,

self-discipline, leadership, and respect for others.

Our faculty, administration and military personnel instruct our boys in the values of giving and receiving respect and courtesy, and how to develop personal leadership skills. It has always been our mission to focus on each of our students, offering them a spiritual and academic foundation that will enhance their lives and assist them as they make their contributions to the world community.

We offer small class sizes, a sports program, piano, guitar, and band. Each of our classrooms is equipped to enable each teacher to use creative and interactive teaching methodologies with current technology. As an international school, our English as a Second Language program is vital in

helping our foreign students become more comfortable in their ease in speaking English.

We encourage you to spread the good word about St. Catherine's. For more than 133 years we have educated and mentored young men honoring diversity, equity, and inclusion. All young men are welcome!

Sister Johnellen Turner, OP
PRESIDENT
ST. CATHERINE'S ACADEMY





The St. Catherine's Difference

A MORE THAN 130-YEAR RECORD FOR NURTURING YOUNG BOYS INTO YOUNG MEN

At St Catherine's Academy, we know our purpose is beyond just teaching. Through engaging classroom experiences and a positive formational military tradition, we aim to bring out the best in your son. The residential program further incorporates the elements and values of each boy's well-rounded experience, teaching responsibility and independence. The goals we pursue for your son have been realized many times over with many alumni going on to academic and professional success while also demonstrating the character formation from their years at our academy.

STRONG FAITH-GUIDED AND MORALLY CENTERED EDUCATION

Beyond excellence in classroom subjects, St Catherine's Academy teachers and staff help boys develop a deeper sense of personal spirituality and integrity through the integration of faith and moral values into curricular and extracurricular activities, including involvement in service to the surrounding community.

RIGOROUSLY STRUCTURED, DISCIPLINE-BASED, & LEADERSHIP NURTURING OVERALL EDUCATION

Establishing strong self-discipline and personal responsibility are core to the ability of a young man to thrive. The structured environment at St Catherine's Academy aims to hone those traits through an effective leadership development program and enriching experiences that have a positive impact on your son for many years to come.

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Spiritual Growth

SPIRITUAL GROWTH COMPARED TO RELIGIOUS ADHERENCE

Spiritual practice and responsiveness to God play an important role in the daily lives of the boys attending St. Catherine's Academy. This is an intentional focus in the faith-related activities that occur throughout the cadets' daily experience, such as prayer times, Mass, and special retreats. Our objective is the transformation of the boys in our St. Catherine's community into faith-filled and morally directed young men, equipped to engage diligently and purposefully in every aspect of their lives

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PILLARS SUPPORTING PERSONAL GROWTH

The four Dominican Pillars of Community, Ministry, Study, and Prayer serve as a foundation for each boy's personal growth. The boys at St. Catherine's Academy learn to live out these principles, whether in the dormitory, classroom, dining room, or on the field doing drills. This dynamic is an important way that we support a holistic personal growth experience for students.

REINFORCEMENT OF VIRTUES TO IMPROVE OVERALL INTEGRITY OF EACH BOY

Moral awareness and an aspiration for key virtues is an important part of a young man's character development. During your son's time at St. Catherine's Academy, he will have the chance to learn about and put into action the virtues of a young man of character and honor. Regular discussion of important values, structured opportunities to live out lessons learned, and formal recognition of cadet efforts are all part of the community life at St. Catherine's Academy for both residential and day students. These experiences reinforce each boy's steady growth into the reliable and trustworthy man he will eventually become.



Academics

A CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

Small Class Sizes for Ideal Learning

Class sizes at St. Catherine's Academy are purposefully small. Capped class sizes allow teachers to know, challenge, and equip students to succeed in a personalized way. As a result, through an active engagement in learning, each boy receives the best preparation possible for his academic future.

Teachers dedicated to student progress

Each teacher at St. Catherine's Academy is highly educated, fully credentialed by the State of California, and prepared to help diverse students. Teachers use creative approaches to ensure that each of the boys in the classroom is challenged at the appropriate level and inspired to stretch himself to new heights. Whether teaching math, language arts, or music, each teacher will strive to help your son achieve his potential.

Committed classroom communities

At St. Catherine's Academy, students acquire a commitment to learning, an inspired curiosity, a connection with creativity, and a focus on academic excellence. Consequently, they also encourage each other to succeed. The boys who attend St. Catherine's Academy graduate prepared for premier high schools and eventually, highly ranked colleges and universities.

A CORE VALUE FOR STUDY

Study is one of the core Dominican values and boys at St. Catherine's are taught to participate in academic activities as a key component in their overall personal growth. Academic activities at St. Catherine's Academy are integrated with the other programs to make a cadet's experience holistic and connected. Students are encouraged to pursue excellence in

Dedicated teaching staff has been able to nurture burgeoning curiosity with the latest teaching techniques and foster critical thinking with real-world results

all aspects of their time, attending to academics as an outflow of their membership of a school community dedicated to helping them become faith-filled young men of distinction.



Military Tradition

DRAWING OUT DISCIPLINE, TEAMWORK & LEADERSHIP

One of St. Catherine's Academy's important distinctives is the integration of a military tradition that has had a powerful effect on the young men that attend. St. Catherine's has been highly ranked for the strength of this aspect of boys' experience and the long-term preparation it yields for each cadet's future as a contributing member of society.

Through the marching routines, teamwork exercises, drills, and opportunities to carry out lead roles in key military tradition activities, boys in the 3rd through 8th grades learn critical life skills such as self-discipline, responsibility, integrity, and accountability. The structured nature of the program that includes rewards,

promotions, and rankings also teaches the cadets leadership and self-confidence that will continue to play a role in their lives no matter where the future takes them.

Peer Leadership Program

When it comes to leadership, there is no substitute for practical experience. St. Catherine's students begin to take on leadership positions

“Leading others isn't about yelling or being the boss. You have to earn the respect of those under your command, and ...work just as hard as they do.” - Cadet Leader, Alumn

Leadership Instruction

At SCA, leadership formation begins in the classroom. Our military personnel instruct cadets on the basics of successful leadership, including the Fourteen Leadership Traits of the Marine Corps. Following classroom study, cadets are given leadership tasks, both individually and as a group. The military personnel evaluate students on their performance in these leadership roles and share feedback with the cadets.

from a young age through our unique system of peer leadership.

All cadet leaders learn and practice important problem-solving, teamwork, and leadership skills that will serve them well in their academic and professional careers.



Creating Our Children's Future

GIVE YOUR SON THE BEST

As a parent, you want the best for your son: an education and preparation that will equip him to grow to be the independent, self-disciplined young man you know he can be. At St. Catherine's Academy, we share that goal.

Academically, we are committed to personalized teaching that creates an environment where your son will flourish. We see the results of this in the accomplishments of our alumni who have gone on to succeed at some of the best high schools, colleges, and universities in the United States.

We also strive to cultivate a spiritual depth that will lead your son to a robust inner life to match the outer accomplishments we know he will go on to achieve. The staff members of St. Catherine's Academy care deeply for each boy that attends the school,

and as your son engages in prayer, community gatherings, and ministry events, he will learn intentionality, ethics, and care for others because of the kind of school community St. Catherine's Academy is.

Finally, through our highly acclaimed military tradition, your son will gain a significant advantage in life,

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having learned discipline, personal responsibility, and collaboration. A commitment to service, hard work, and excellence accompany St. Catherine's Academy alumni as they move into whatever future roles they will take on.

All these aspects of a St. Catherine's Academy education make it a

preparation that is difficult to find anywhere else. We hope you will consider all of this as you seek to give your son the best.



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