

Executive Summary of the Findings of the Visiting Committee

First Edition

This page documents the many strengths of the school and the school's critical areas of growth affirmed by the Visiting Committee. This summary is designed to be shared with the broader school community.

Schoolwide Areas of Strength as Identified by the Visiting Committee

Domain 1: Mission and Catholic Identity

- The Mission statement of Dominican Catholic School is a clear visible summary that guides, highlights, and summarizes the call and purpose of the school. Rooted in the Dominican Charism of Catholic Tradition, the statement guides the school in its decision making by school leadership and is a guide for growth and evaluation by all shareholders.
- The Religious education program is an integral component of the curriculum of Dominican Catholic School, with the Catholic Identity clearly infused in all subject areas and manifested in the school's lived culture and faith, enhanced by a vibrant Catholic environment. At the heart of this identity, is the growth of all shareholders of Dominican Catholic School.
- Students at Dominican Catholic School encounter relevant and meaningful opportunities for various forms of prayer, the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, with opportunities to grow in service within the school and wider community. Guided by the administrators, faculty, and staff, all members of the school community are given opportunities to grow in faith by the lived reality of action in service of Social Justice
- Masses, Retreats, and various spiritual experiences occur throughout the school year at the school that offer support for the spiritual needs of the faculty, staff, administrators and parents at Dominican Catholic School. These opportunities are interwoven with aspects of the call to Service of all shareholders, the parents, faculty, staff, and students.

Domain 2: Governance and Leadership

- The governing body and leadership team of Dominican Catholic School, under the care of the Dominican Sisters, collaborate with faculty, staff, students, parents, Chaplain, Catholic Schools Office, and Guam Department Of Education to develop and oversee the school's commitment to enhancing its mission, academic excellence, and operational vitality.
- The Province of Taiwan ensures the highest quality of leadership for Dominican Catholic School by providing leadership with academic qualifications and professional experience that align with the Dominican values, vision, and mission.

Domain 3: Academic Excellence

- Dominican Catholic School ensures curriculum alignment with the Archdiocesan Standards of Learning and Common Core State Standards, beginning with mathematics and progressively extending to other subjects for a cohesive academic framework.
- Curriculum, instruction, and assessment are integral to the school's academic framework, with a dedicated focus on meeting the diverse learning needs of all students.
- Teachers are committed to holistically developing students, thoughtfully integrating faith-based principles into the curriculum to nurture both academic and spiritual growth.
- The Volunteer Involved Parents (VIP) organization plays a vital role in supporting school activities, fundraising, and faith-based initiatives, while parents actively engage in liturgical celebrations and community service programs, fostering a strong school-community partnership.

Domain 4: Operational Vitality

- The school has a motivated principal who works toward making dreams a reality.
- Dominican Catholic School has dedicated personnel who show great care for their students, their colleagues, and their school, working together as a family.
- The parents selflessly give of their time and talent to serve the needs of the school.
- The school has a 5 year financial plan that will work toward the sustainability of the school.

Critical Growth Areas as Identified by the School Self-Study

- Domain 1: Establish a School Level Catechists' Certification Program in the absence of an archdiocesan program.
- Domain 2: Conduct annual assessments of governance effectiveness and school performance in key areas.
- Domain 3: Fully integrate technology in learning and teaching in all grade levels
- Domain 4: Develop a comprehensive marketing plan.

Additional Critical Growth Areas Identified by the Visiting Committee

- As evidenced in interviews with faculty and the Leadership Team, there is a need to fully Integrate Technology in Learning and Teaching Across All Grade Levels in support of Academic Excellence and to equip faculty and students with the skills necessary to be successful in this technology driven world. Therefore, the Visiting Committee identifies the original Domain 3 goal to fully integrate Technology in Learning and Teaching Across All Grade Levels as an additional Critical Growth Area .
- In addition, the Visiting Committee highly recommends Dominican Catholic School to begin steps toward discussions, creation and implementation of a Leadership Succession plan in light of the decline of new religious entering the order and aging out of current religious.

Final Comments by the Visiting Committee

Dominican Catholic School is a nurturing, welcoming, and faith-driven institution that is academically focused and mission-oriented. The administration, faculty, and staff are deeply committed to student achievement, demonstrating a strong sense of purpose and dedication in their roles. It is clear that the Principal is wholeheartedly devoted to guiding and supporting the school's mission, philosophy, governance and leadership, academic excellence, and operational vitality. The visiting team commends the Leadership Team and Faculty of Dominican Catholic School for their successful completion of the self-study process and for creating an Educational Improvement Plan that thoughtfully addresses the critical areas for growth identified through the self-study.

The visiting team also extends heartfelt gratitude to the Chaplain, principal, faculty, staff, parents, students, and the broader community for their warm hospitality and thoughtful contributions, which made our visit to the campus so comfortable. Dominican Catholic School is an exceptional institution, characterized by a dedicated, nurturing, and compassionate faculty who are deeply invested in the welfare and education of their students. The school operates like a close-knit family, and its bright future is a testament to the dedication and care of all who are part of this remarkable community.