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REPORT ON THE S48 MONITORING INSPECTION OF OUTSTANDING SCHOOLS

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

School:	Our Lady's Catholic Primary School
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Inspector:	Mr K Toms

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School continues to provide an outstanding Catholic Education for its pupils, constantly reviewing and strengthening all areas of provision for the Catholic Life of the School. The overwhelming strength of the school is the total commitment and dedication of the Leadership Team and Governing body to supporting the faith life of all within this community. This is exemplified in one of the comments of the parents: *'You see Christ at the centre of the whole school!'*

All children feel valued for who they are and their sense of mission is placed at the heart of all they do. Again, accurately summarised by the parents: *'I think the ethos and Mission Statement can be felt as you walk round the school. It has a lovely, peaceful, happy atmosphere.'*

The school is currently in the process of recruiting a new Headteacher and have made significant appointments to the Leadership Team to ensure the school continues to strengthen its previous successes. They are keenly aware of the need to keep the school's ethos central to the appointment process and that the school continues to go forward, consolidating and seeking further improvement. There is a strong sense of community at Our Lady's and governors and staff are rightly proud of their Catholic heritage here in Stockport.

The pupils continue to grow in confidence and show evidence of their enjoyment of Religious Education in their responses in Collective Acts of Worship and all their Religious Education lessons. They are very appreciative of the opportunities given to them in expressing themselves in a variety of creative ways. The school continues to develop their Assertive Mentoring programmes and this is central to helping the pupils to become more involved in their own progress. As a consequence, the children continue to raise their own expectations and standards of achievement. They are actively involved in planning and preparing their own Collective Acts of Worship and have developed greater confidence in supporting the wider aspect of the Church's mission through their involvement in the Mini Vinnies group.

Teaching and learning remain at least good, throughout the school, with clear evidence of some outstanding practice during the learning walk. As a result, outcomes for pupils remain good with outstanding features. This is particularly noticed in the clear understanding they show in their Religious Education lessons. A striking feature of Our Lady's is the very evident calmness throughout the school and the great respect all within the community show to each other. What better way to summarise it again with one of the comments of the parents: *'Our Lady's is extremely non-judgmental which I think is wonderful and extremely positive, loving and Christian.'*

Our Lady's is well placed to continue its successes due to:

- A clear vision and sense of mission from all within the Leadership Team and Governing Body which place Christ at the centre of their community.
- Well motivated and engaged children, who through the Assertive Mentoring programme are able to develop and enhance their own progress in their learning.
- Teaching and learning is good with elements of outstanding practice throughout the school.

The school is well placed to maintain its outstanding progress in Religious Education, guided by its strong sense of mission and its desire to enhance and build on its previous successes.