

## Mission Statement

Notre Dame Learning Center provides a Catholic child care and preschool educational program, assisting each child in experiencing what it means to be a child of God.

## Philosophy

We at Notre Dame Learning Center work in close partnership with parents to facilitate the children's spiritual, physical, cognitive, linguistic, emotional, creative and social growth. In a safe, nurturing, earth-friendly environment, the well trained staff of Sisters of Notre Dame and lay persons provide child-centered learning experiences that optimize development. Children experience the goodness and wonder of God in a Catholic Christian setting. They are encouraged to respect one another, to cooperate, and to take care of their surroundings.

## Purpose and Goals

- To increase each child's security and self-esteem at an early age.
- To promote the spiritual, physical, emotional, social, intellectual, linguistic and artistic development of each young child through developmentally-appropriate experiences which foster the total growth of the individual child and prepare him or her for lifelong learning.
- To provide an enriching environment which allows each child to develop a sense of wonder and curiosity to meet the challenges of each day.
- To provide warm, nurturing care while children are at Notre Dame Learning Center.

## Overview of Daily Activities

7:30 a.m.

Early drop-off

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### Morning preschool

including circle time and center activities, snack, story/music time

11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Extended child care

including lunch, patio/playground activities, afternoon nap, story/music time, quiet play and clean-up



**Sr. Betty Mae Bienlein, S.N.D.**

*Program Director*

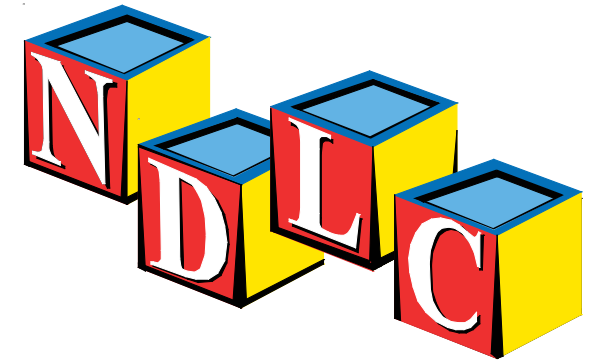
**Sr. Carol Marie Papet, S.N.D.**

*Site Director*

# Notre Dame Learning Center

*A Catholic Preschool*

*Awakening each child  
to God's world  
and a future full of hope*



*Morning and afternoon preschool*

*Extended child care*

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## Special Features and Environment

Children between the ages of 2.9 and 5 years of age are eligible for Notre Dame Learning Center and it offers an optimal staff to student ratio of 1 to 8. The philosophy and programs of NDLC are distinctly Catholic in nature, following the 155-year-old educational traditions of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Children of all faith backgrounds are welcome to attend.

Notre Dame Learning Center is located on the spacious property of Notre Dame Center, the headquarters for the California province of the Sisters of Notre Dame. NDLC is also adjacent to La Reina High School and in close proximity to Los Robles Regional Medical Center, California Lutheran University and major corporate facilities in Conejo Valley.

The preschool's interior space and outside play area offer ample room for approximately 50 children on site.

NDLC offers a unique intergenerational opportunity for early childhood education. The children are nurtured by the presence of senior Sisters of Notre Dame who reside at Notre Dame Center, and students from La Reina High School who also offer some assistance with childcare activities.

On August 31, 2005, Notre Dame Learning Center was licensed by the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division. In addition, NDLC holds membership in the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

## Learning Activities

Since young children learn through play, Notre Dame Learning Center offers ample opportunities for students to

- Get their whole bodies involved in developing muscle coordination and in learning.
- Experience delight in observing, exploring and discovering through interesting, hands-on activities.
- Experience good literature.
- Interact with peers.
- Have many opportunities for practical problem solving and construction of mathematical concepts.

Both structured and unstructured activities facilitate each child's foundation for fun-filled, life-long learning.



## Parent Involvement

Since parental involvement is a cornerstone of Notre Dame education, NDLC is committed to collaboration through

- Open communication.
- A daily summary of program activities.
- Parent-teacher conferences each semester and as requested.
- Offering workshops for parents on important topics such as child development and parenting skills.
- Parent participation through observing, volunteering, talent-sharing, and fundraising.