



HOLY ANGELS

Making Catholic preschool accessible to all children

First Steps 4K offers free, full-day four-year-old kindergarten to qualifying children in South Carolina. The program partners with more than 250 licensed child care centers and nonpublic schools across the state, making it easy for families to find a high-quality program to meet their needs.

The Diocese of Charleston is excited to open **Holy Angels Academies** in tandem with First Steps, which will provide pre-kindergarten Catholic education programs to all children, to include our families and those most in need. Catholic schools are often the only opportunity for economically underserved, disadvantaged or dual-language learners to receive an excellent education that speaks to and works toward the development of the whole person.



Our Vision & Commitment

The **Holy Angels Academy** preschool initiative ensures children are prepared for success in future academic years, fostering a life-long love of learning and age-appropriate understanding and appreciation for Catholic traditions and values.

During their earliest years of education, children form the most basic habits and behaviors. Learning to turn to God throughout the day, whether in moments of peace or moments of need, should be at the core of a child's preschool experience.

Holy Angels Academies will be places where every child is surrounded with watchful care and intercession.



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Holy Angels Academies

Making exceptional early childhood education accessible to all children across South Carolina



Our Mission

Holy Angels Academy preschool empowers each student with the knowledge that he or she is a child of God. It fosters a love of learning, while nurturing the growth and development of the whole child — academically, spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally and creatively — in a safe and nurturing, child-centered and faith-based environment.

Our Philosophy

Holy Angels Academy preschool program is designed around the concept of educating the whole child. This includes fostering a child's social, emotional, intellectual, physical, spiritual and moral development. Our program is designed to be safe and nurturing and promotes optimal cognitive development and faith formation. Teachers engage in various types of instructional methods, including large and small groups, individual instruction and opportunities for student collaboration.



Graduates of Catholic schools are not only workforce-ready, but ready to pursue other educational endeavors in colleges & universities of their choosing.

Benefits of a quality Catholic education:

- Cultivates strong moral values through faith-filled classrooms.
- Nurtures children in a safe, caring and loving environment.
- Fosters engaged learning and strong school attendance habits.
- Encourages students to participate in challenging academic courses.
- Molds future leaders and decision makers.
- Promotes the importance of a just and loving world.
- Prepares students to compete in a diverse and global economy.
- Provides a college and career-ready education that is inclusive of all career choices.



Through the Catholic pre-school environment, children:

- Learn to respect, appreciate and value all people.
- Explore their faith and see themselves created in God's image.
- Develop a strong sense of belonging in the world.
- Understand the diversity of the local communities they serve and the diversity of our beautiful world.

