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Mission: To partner with parents in preparing children for life in Christ.

“Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.”

Psalm 34:11 NIV

“Respect and obey the Lord! This is the beginning of wisdom. To have understanding, you must know the Holy God.”

Proverbs 9:10 CEV

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Romans 12:2 ESV

“Is it not the great defect of our education today... that although we often succeed in teaching our pupils ‘subjects,’ we fail lamentably on the whole in teaching them how to think? They learn everything, except the art of learning.”

Dorothy Sayers

“I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not increasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt... I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth.”

Martin Luther

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What:

1. **Ordo Amoris Classical** (OAC) is a homeschool hybrid that partners with parents. Parents are recognized as homeschool families and work with OAC to provide tutoring for their children three days per week. Because OAC is a resource for homeschool families, parents are the primary educators and set the framework and tone for the student's entire education. We seek to partner with like-minded families to train up children in the way they should go. We understand that education is biblically the responsibility of the family. We work "in loco parentis," which is a Latin legal term meaning "in the place of the parents," to help provide academic discipline which will faithfully mature students in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
2. We meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday as a community of learners. There is an attendance policy, uniform requirements, and academic preparation guidelines. Students will be placed in classes according to their demonstrated academic level. Parents will decide when their children graduate and will prepare their children's transcripts, with guidance from the OAC tutorial staff as needed and desired.
3. Tuition for tutorial services will be set at \$3,750 for the 2020-2021 school year. Tuition is payable over 12 months beginning in May and ending in April at installments of \$312.50 per month. Payments will be required to be made by automatic bank withdrawal (EFT) using a tuition collection system called TADs. Alternatively, families may make two equal payments of the entire tuition amount on May 1 and August 1. Parents are responsible for all tuition payments even if a child is withdrawn mid-year. Curriculum and books are chosen by tutors and purchased by families and may be resold, reused, or kept.

Why:

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How:

1. **Classical Education:** This is an education that cares deeply for tradition and the education of the whole student. Academic subjects are taught with an emphasis on primary texts and the liberal arts. Wisdom and virtue are the highest academic goals, the fruit of a complete and great education.
2. **Christian Education:** The purpose and practice of education starts and ends with the Triune God. The entire Church history, the breadth and depth of mankind, the impact of Judeo-Christian values on Western Civilization, all are studied under the Lordship of Christ. There is no subject, proposition, work of art, or vocation which can be separated from the glory of God. "Respect and obey the Lord! This is the beginning of wisdom. To have understanding, you must know the Holy God." Proverbs 9:10. This is our foundation.
3. **3-Day Model:** Morning devotions start at 7:45 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday and the day begins in worship and wonder through singing and devotions. Students spend rigorous time in classes learning how to hone their virtues and define and defend their faith. We end the day at 3 PM. For the students' home days, instructors provide lesson plans and assignments. Parents are responsible to help manage studies and train their children to be independent and disciplined learners. Emphasis is placed on students having strong relationships and time for family.

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Behind the name “Ordo Amoris” and the Coat of Arms Shield:

Ordo Amoris is Latin for “Rightly Ordered Loves.” It first comes from St. Augustine when he wrote in the 5th century that *the “order of love” (ordo amoris) is the “brief and true definition of virtue.” (The City of God- St. Augustine of Hippo)*

C.S. Lewis included an analysis on Augustine’s idea of Ordo Amoris in his treatise on education, “The Abolition of Man.” In this work, he combines the philosophy of Aristotle with the Christian faith of St. Augustine to reveal the true object of education; **to help our children learn to love what they should love** (and hate what they should hate) according to the Word of God. The goal of this education is to have **rightly ordered affections**, to make good decisions based on a heart that is correctly aligned.

The Omega and Alpha in the top left of the shield are the last and first letters of the Greek Alphabet and the initial letters for Ordo Amoris. They speak to our vision: **To achieve the right end, you must start with the right beginning.**

The cross in the top right is a medieval version harkening back to a time “before education began to lose sight of its true object,” according to Dorothy Sayers.

The bottom section of the shield depicts a Phrygian cap on a Liberty Pole behind a sword. This has been a representation through history dating back to the Hellenistic Period in Greece. The Phrygian cap was popularized in Roman society as a garment worn by a freed slave. The cap became the inspiration for the French Revolution as a rejection of tyranny and was combined with the sword to become a symbol of freedom only through sacrifice. It became part of our Western Heritage and early American culture and can be found on many state seals as well as the United States Senate seal.

The symbol signifies this to us. We know our sword is the word of God and the truth contained therein. We know that truth gives us liberty, it sets us free. We are no longer slaves and also claim freedom for our children. This symbol is **the heart of why we train our children in the classical Christian model; to understand where true freedom and the meaning of sacrifice and love can be found. Christ is the Cornerstone.**



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