

# Introducing our Dual Language Program

50/50  
English/Spanish

Beginning in Kindergarten  
this school year  
2022/2023!



The first parish  
in the Diocese of  
Arlington to  
implement this  
program!



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## **St. Ambrose Leads the Way with Unique Dual Language Program**

For the first time in its history, the Diocese of Arlington will have a dual language education program at a diocesan school, and St. Ambrose Catholic School is leading the way. The Diocese, Fr. Fisher, and Principal Maria Tejada today announce the inauguration of a Dual Language Program (DLP) at St. Ambrose, with the support and guidance of Boston College's Two-Way Immersion Network. The program at St. Ambrose will provide literacy and content instruction to all students through two languages (English and Spanish). This program is highly sought-after in the Fairfax County public schools and is popular among parents and students. For now, St. Ambrose will be the only DLP school in the diocese.

The program will be implemented 50-50. Half of the classes (math, science, and language arts) will be taught in Spanish, and the other half of the classes (social studies, religion, and language arts again) will be taught in English. In addition, all special courses (Technology, Library, PE, Music, and Art) will be also be taught in English. The program begins next school year with kindergarten only and transitions the school each year by adding one grade.

The goal is to develop global citizens who can connect language and culture. These insights into language and culture provide St. Ambrose students a crucial cultural perspective not only of the U.S., but of all Latin American countries. The program will:

- Continue to enable students to deepen their relationship with Jesus, broaden their knowledge of their faith tradition, and connect their faith to daily life;
- Equip students with the skills that will enable them to communicate bilingually and bicultural;
- Develop communication skills that allow students to compete effectively in a global community;
- Develop listening, speaking, reading, writing, and global competence skills in two languages;
- Develop proficiency in all academic content areas in the two languages;
- Use technology and other non-print sources to gather information in two languages;
- Increase awareness of students' own culture and appreciation of the culture(s) of others;
- Be taught through a cultural lens to allows students to view the world openly and to gain an understanding of other cultures at a deeper level;
- Allow students to develop a stronger bilingual identity; and
- Develop a love of learning the Spanish language with meaningful connections with all Latin American cultures.