

# 1.

## Catholic Character #41

'Maintaining an authentic Catholic identity in schools is an unending work. It requires constant initiative, both creative and traditional, if such an identity is going to enter into the ... school community...  
'Safe guarding and strengthening" are perhaps better terms than "maintaining" to describe the constant vigilance that is needed in relation to Catholic identity.'

*"Do you not realise that you are a temple of God with the Spirit of God living in you."*

**1 Cor 3:165**

# 2.

## Catholic Educators #47

'At the heart of the Catholic character of a school are the Catholic hearts of those who work in the school...  
They are witnesses to the students of a mature faith, and an integration of faith with life'.

*"For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring or arguing."*

**Phil 2:13**

# 3.

## Catholic Education of School-Age Children. Introduction (adapted)

Encounter with Jesus is at the centre of Catholic Education. It places our schools at the heart of every Parish or Pastoral Area's evangelising mission.

*"You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."*

**Acts 2:38**

# 4.

## The Nature of Catholic Schools #6

'The Catholic School is embedded in the Church; it is the Church in action, an authentic expression of the Church's mission.'

*"Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine. To him be glory in the Church and in Christ."*

**Ephesians 3:20**

## 5.

### The Nature of a Catholic School #8(a)

'All schools are a means of passing on culture to new generations.'

*"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

**Romans 8:38-39**

## 6.

### The nature of a Catholic School #8(b)

'The Catholic school's task is fundamentally a synthesis of culture and faith and a synthesis of faith and life: the first is reached by integrating all the different aspects of human knowledge through the subjects taught, in the light of the Gospel; the second in the growth of virtues characteristic of the Christian.'

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it is grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."*

**Matt 13: 31-32**

## 7.

### The Goals of a Catholic School #15

'The faith required for Baptism ... is a beginning, a seed which needs to be nurtured and developed.'

*"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think they will be heard because of their many words."*

*Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

*Pray then in this way: "Our Father in heaven ..."*

**Matt 6:7-9**

## 8.

### Facilitating Discipleship #52

'Teaching students to pray in different ways and providing well-prepared opportunities for them to do so is essential. For many students this is the only time in their lives someone will assist them with prayer.'

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."*

**Acts 2:42**

# 9.

## Facilitating Discipleship #52

'Providing regular opportunities to receive the sacraments is critical...'  
*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."*

**Acts 2:42**

# 10.

## The Goals of a Catholic School #11

'Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others.'

*"To the weak I became weak so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the Gospel so that I may share in its blessings."*

**1 Cor 9:22-23**

# 11.

## Facilitating Discipleship #53

'A school Mass is an opportunity for building community, but the emphasis on school spirit should not be at the expense of the meaning of the Mass and the reception of Jesus in the Eucharist who, through the Holy Spirit, is the source of every charism.'

*"For I have received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."*

**1 Cor 11:23-26**

# 12

## The Nature of a Catholic School #10

'As well as providing education in the faith in the home, parents have a right to choose how their children are educated outside the home. In assisting parents with their obligations to their children the Catholic school makes the Church as 'mother and teacher' a practical reality.'

*"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory he may grant that you be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love."*

**Ephesians 3:14-17**