

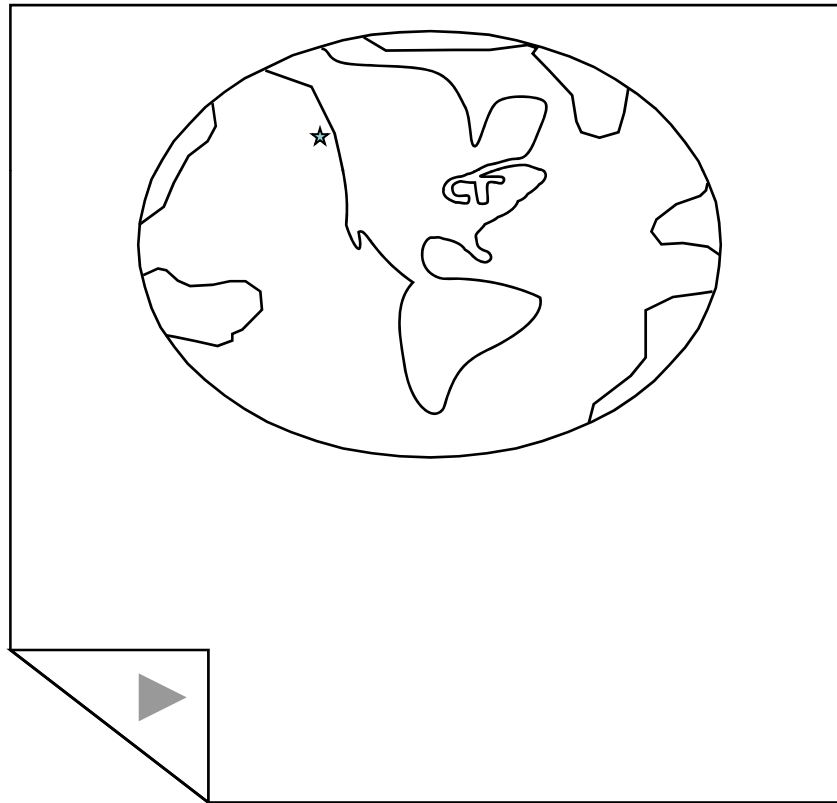


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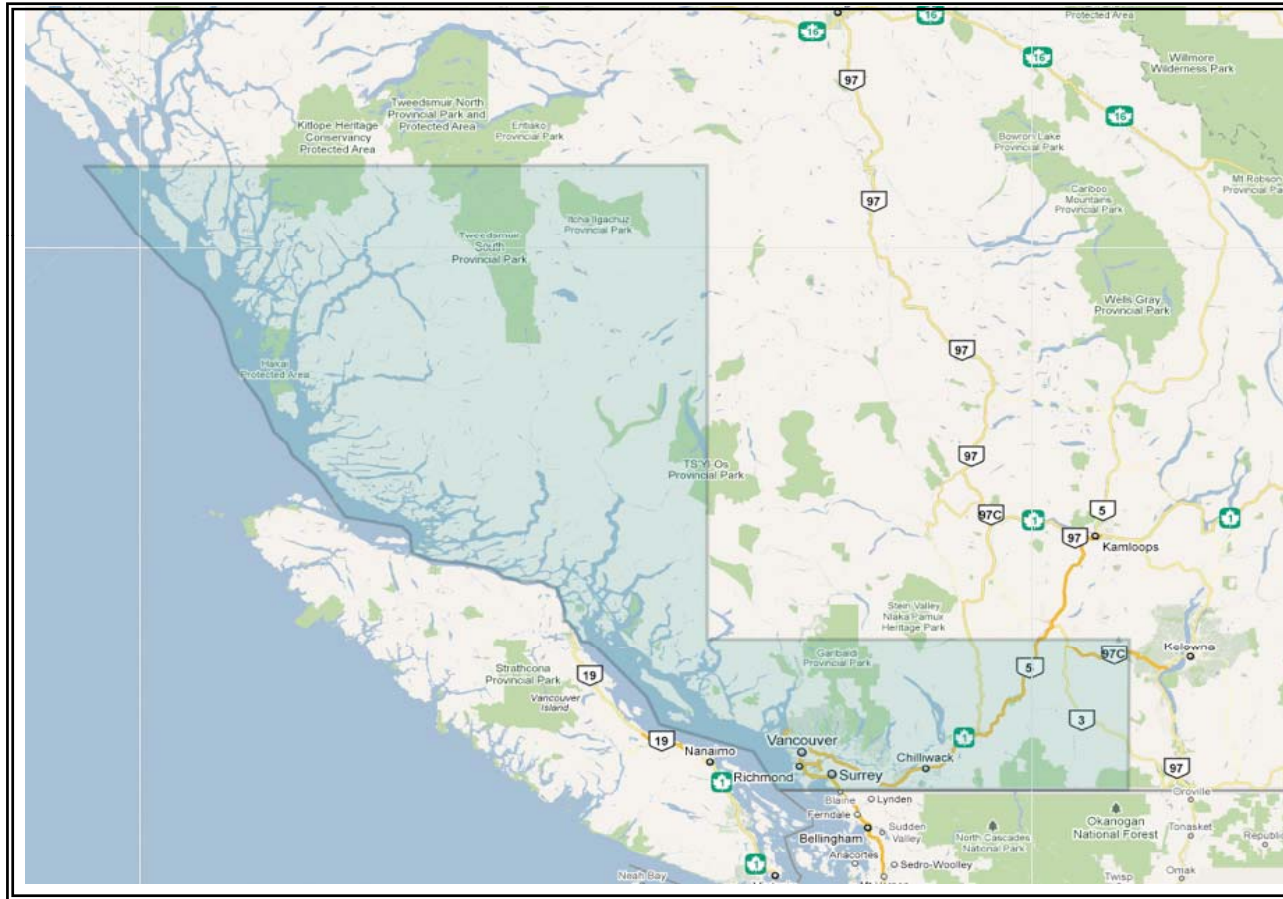
A Mission-Driven Journey: How Effective is our Catholic School?

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Where in the World?



The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver



Our Story ...The Past



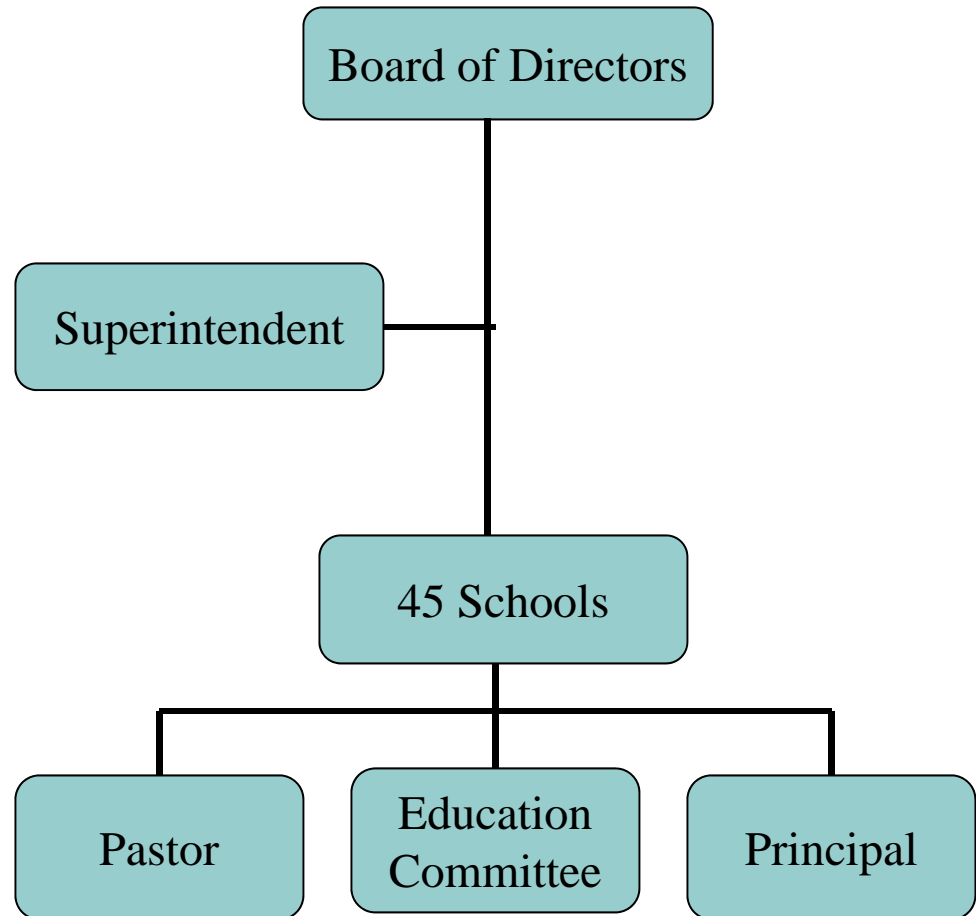
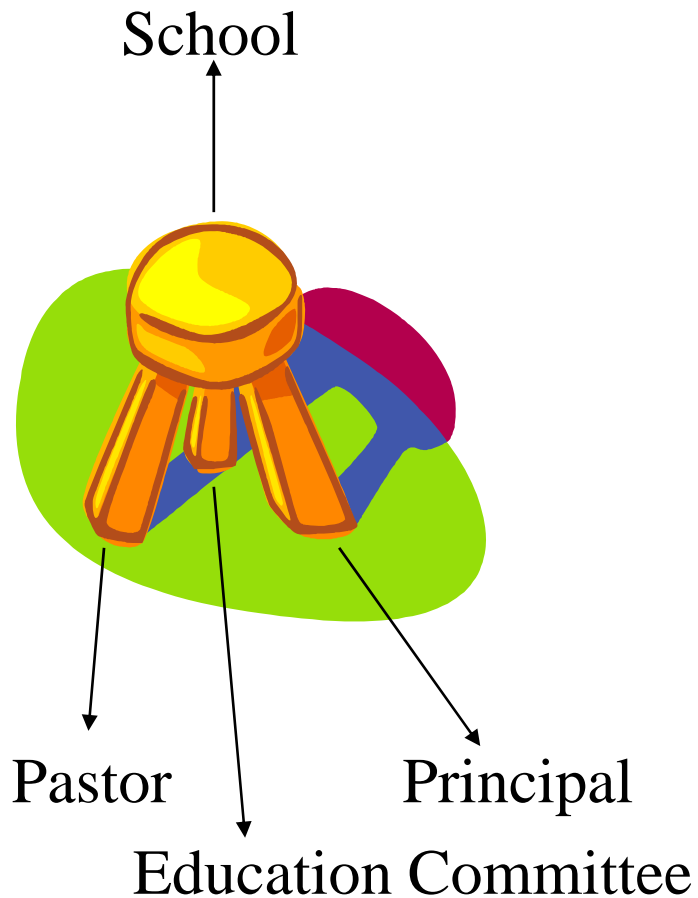
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1800 – 2007

A Snapshot of Our Story...

- 1850s 1st BC Catholic School – St. Ann's Academy.
Religious orders continue to establish schools.
St. Mary's School – Oblates of Mary Immaculate.
School Act – no recognition for Catholic schools.
- 1950s 5 diocesan non-profit societies born.
- 1960s Religious administrators and teachers decline.
Federation of Independent Schools formed.
- 1970s CISVA formed – common faith/purpose.
Independent Schools' Support Act.
Legal recognition/public funding.
- 2000s Laity taking on a larger role.
Loosely centralized system of 45 schools.

CISVA Organization Chart



The Beginning of a Mission...

Catholic education is provided in a Faith community where teachers and students come to know and love Jesus Christ as they grow together in an atmosphere of mutual respect and love based on Gospel values.

Fundamental Goals were determined:

- Teaching as a 'calling'
- Daily prayer in schools
- Regular school Masses
- Reconciliation services
- Staff spiritual retreats
- Community building activities
- Common annual theme for schools

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic School shares in the mission of the Church to proclaim and build the Kingdom of God.

The Catholic School, as a faith community, is committed to excellence in Catholicity and in all areas that promote the development of the whole child to his or her full potential.

The Catholic School strives to develop Christian leaders, responsible citizens and life-long learners.

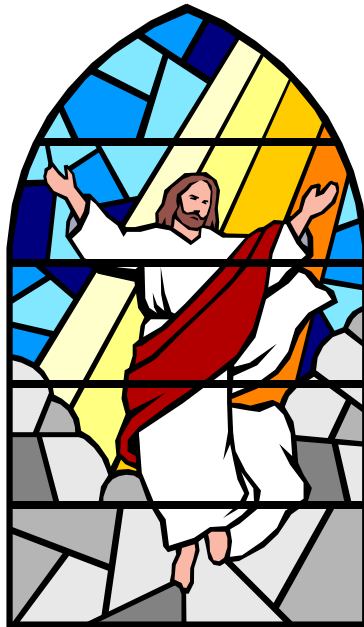
Let Us Act!



Vancouver Synod, December 2007

Let Us Act! Proposition #2

Promote the ongoing spiritual formation and education of our teachers in Catholic faith and culture.



Our Story ...The Present



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Our Canadian Story: The Plight of Catholic Schools



Idioms from our Past

- “Faith is born and grows in a Community”.
- “Catholic tradition has it that we baptize the community, not the curriculum”.
- “A Good Catholic School is both – good Catholic and good School”.

Begin With the End in Mind

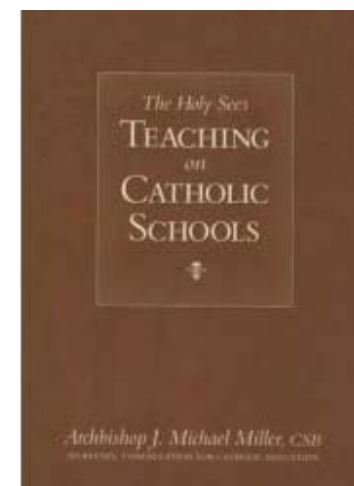


A 'Fork' in the Path



Michael Miller
Archbishop of Vancouver

The Holy See's TEACHING on CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Catholic Identity

What makes a Catholic school Catholic?

5 Marks:

1. Inspired by a Supernatural Vision
2. Founded on a Christian Anthropology
3. Animated by Communion and Community
4. Imbued with a Catholic Worldview Throughout its Curriculum
5. Sustained by Gospel Witness

Measurable benchmarks, forming the backbone and inspiring the mission of every Catholic school.

Essential Mark One:

“Inspired by a Supernatural Vision”

- In relationship with the living God, our eyes are fixed on the Beatific Vision – the already and the not yet.

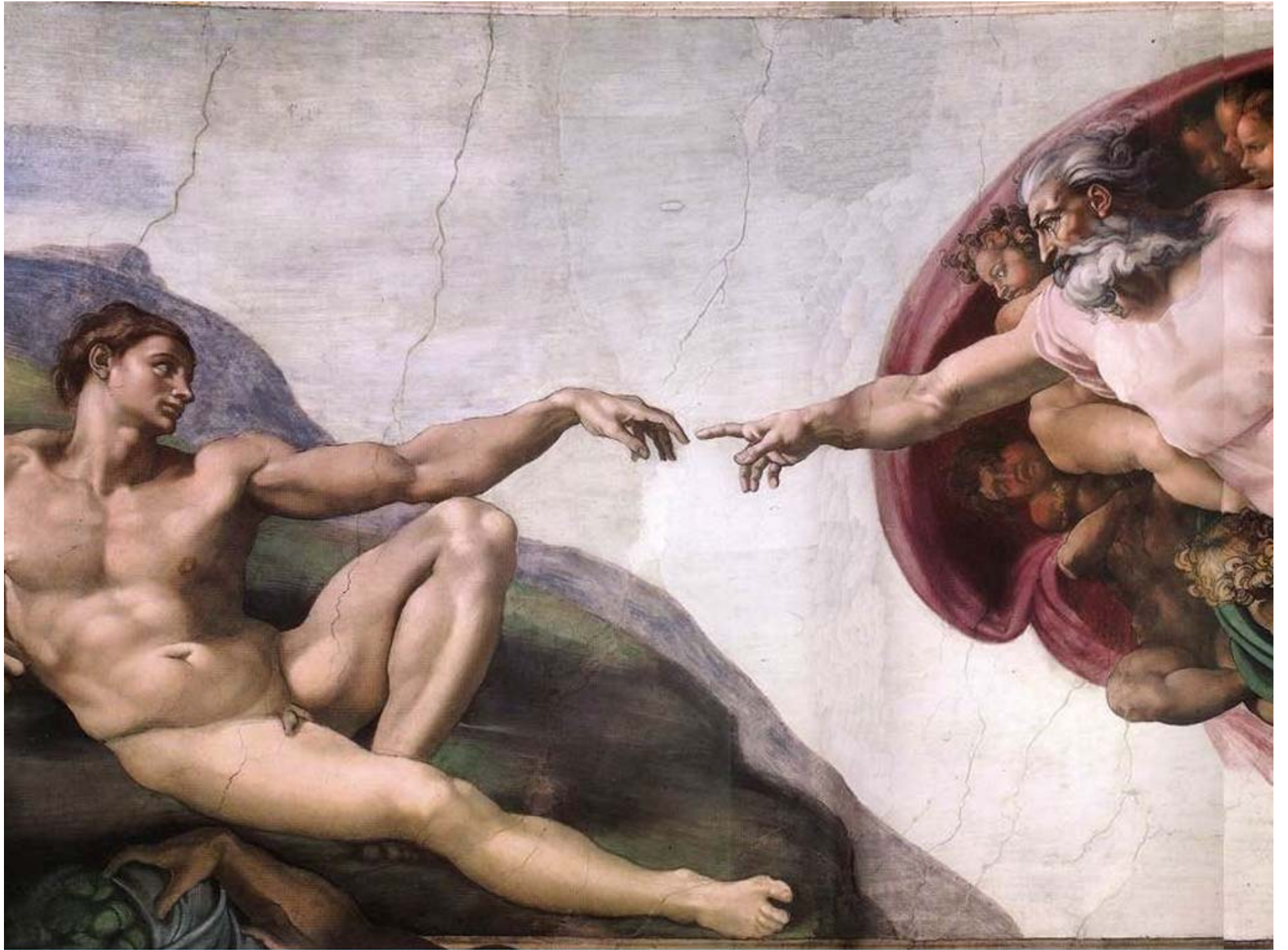
Making a Difference

- Visibility of Mission Statement.
- Parent Commitment Statement.
- School/teacher/principal growth plans.

Essential Mark Two:

“Founded on a Christian Anthropology”

- Catholic schools make Christ present and are places where His message is incarnated daily.



Making a Difference

- Effective relationships and partnerships.
- Inclusive environment.

Essential Mark Three:

“Animated by Communion and Community”

- The Catholic School forms a faith community inviting its members to pray and to worship.

Making a Difference

- Weekly school Masses.
- Physical environment of school.
- Staff faith community-building.

Essential Mark Four:

“Imbued with a Catholic Worldview Throughout its Curriculum”

- A Catholic school takes its identity from the Catholic Church, so the entire curriculum must be rooted in and configured to the faith of the Church.

Making a Difference

- Christian Education curriculum revision
- Cross-curriculum implementation

Essential Mark Five: "Sustained by Gospel Witness"

- The Catholic School is a place of evangelization where the Gospel message is proclaimed and lived.

Making a Difference

- "Be the Good News"
- Service opportunities.
- Social justice awareness.

Catholic School Effectiveness?

Two questions:

1. How do we know that we are achieving what we say we are?
2. What steps are we taking to improve our effectiveness?



Our Story ...The Future



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A Work in Progress ...

