



## **PRINCIPAL CORNER for January 4th** **Catholic Education**

### **WHY CATHOLIC EDUCATION STILL MATTERS**

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#### **REASON #3: The Value of Relationships as a Reflection of the Divine**

Catholic school students learn to experience God's grace and presence in their lives through their relationships with family, friends, and teachers. The loving and supportive relationships they experience are reflections of the love and life-giving dynamic of the Trinity. As a community we celebrate our successes and achievements. We share grief and downfalls. We unite together in solidarity, and even challenge each other to become better reflections of the divine. We are made for community.

#### **REASON #4: A Nuanced View of Scripture**

Catholic school students are given the opportunity to explore the beauty and richness of Sacred Scripture seen through the lens of faith and lived out in daily practice. They experience the ongoing revelation of God in Scripture as the One who leads the Israelites through the promised land, and who redeems them through His cross and resurrection. They also come to view the human person as created in God's image and likeness, and destined for eternal life. They learn to apply Scripture to their own lives as a tool for prayer and the true guide for virtuous living.

#### **REASON #5: Civic Engagement**

In recent research, it has been reported that private school graduates are significantly more likely to actively participate in civic activities than their public-school counterparts. Catholic Schools were ranked #1 in the percentage of graduates who actively participate in civic and community activities such as voting, volunteering, letter-writing to legislators, Catholic Concerns Day, and donations to charity, not just for a tax write-off, but out of a sense of the requirements of justice.

With joy,  
Susan Kilbane