

Challenges Facing Catholic Schools

Catholic Leadership

1. How do we ensure faithful catechesis (faith formation) that encourages parents, students, and school staff to serve as authentic witnesses to the Catholic faith in the wider community?
2. How do we recruit, develop and maintain faithful, competent Catholic teachers, administrators, and staff within our schools?
3. How do we ensure a Catholic environment where all students, family, and staff can meet and know Jesus Christ and respond to His call to holiness?
4. How can we increase access to Catholic schools (especially middle and high schools)?
5. How can we improve collaboration between the Office of Catholic Schools, pastors, leadership within individual schools, and the wider community?
6. How do we advocate for our students with special needs (ELL, Speech, Language, Reading and Math) for services from public schools?
7. How can we support all pastors in their role as leaders within the Diocesan Catholic school system?



Academic Curriculum

1. How can we develop a curriculum framework and instructional model to embrace Catholic formation and faith development?
2. How can our Catholic curriculum attract more parents to choose Catholic schools?
3. How can we ensure the use of research based best instructional practices to maximize student achievement?
4. How can we best collaborate and coordinate all facets of Academic Curriculum throughout the Diocese?
5. How can we continue to provide/increase adequate curricular resources?



Enrollment Management

1. How do we develop and communicate the unique benefits of a Catholic School education that makes us the BEST CHOICE?
2. How do we increase the percentage of parish families in the parochial grade school?
3. How do we determine and achieve enrollment goals while maintaining quality, quantity, and diversity?
4. How can we engage and establish partnerships with parents, pastor, parish, and community to promote and market the school and increase enrollment?
5. How do we coordinate best practices and resources among Diocesan Catholic Schools to achieve and maintain diverse and financially accessible schools?
6. How do we retain students/families that are currently enrolled?

Fiscal Stewardship

1. How do we develop diversified fiscal support for Catholic schools?
2. How do we efficiently manage the cost of staffing and operations?
3. How do we make Catholic schools affordable?
4. How do we manage financial resources?
5. How do we implement periodic fiscal review and evaluation?
6. How do we standardize financial reporting and communications?

