



### **Why a Catholic Education Still Matters**

1. Catholic School students learn that God is present and active in their lives and in the world.
2. Catholic School Students realize that there is redemptive power of the cross. In it lies the answer to the mystery of all of life's successes and failures.
3. Catholic school students learn to experience God's grace and presence in their lives through their relationships with family, friends and teachers.
4. 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.
5. Private school graduates are significantly more likely to actively participate in civic activities than their public school counterparts.
6. Catholic schools promote service as an essential component of their curriculum.
7. Catholic schools promote self-discipline through clarity of moral vision that is based on the Gospel. Students are challenged to be Christ-like in word and action.
8. Through Catholic education, students are exposed to the richness of the religious tradition.
9. Catholic education has always been at the heart of the Catholic mission.
10. Catholic school students learn that excellence is a response to God's blessings. Students learn so as to help others, and make a difference in the world around them.

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