



# Catholic School Education



# 176 Dioceses with Catholic schools

TOTAL NUMBER OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS:

**two million students**

in preschool, elementary and secondary schools



High School Graduation Rate

**99%**

Student Diversity:

**20.3%**

are racial minorities,

**16.1%**

are Hispanic/Latino

Staffing Ratio

(National

Average) **13:1**

**School Waiting**

**Lists 1,795**

Top 10 Cities with Highest Catholic

School Enrollment: **Los Angeles,**

**Chicago, Philadelphia, New York,**

**Cleveland, Cincinnati, Brooklyn,**

**Boston, St. Louis, New Orleans**

New Catholic Schools that opened in the 2015-2016 academic year:

**14**

**A Gift to the Nation:**

Based on the average public school per pupil cost of **\$12,608** Catholic schools provide more than **24 billion dollars** a year savings for the nation.

SPECIAL NEEDS:

**78.4 percent**

of Catholic schools serve students with mild to moderate special needs.

The total, full-time equivalent (FTE) teaching staff in Catholic elementary/middle and secondary schools is



**151,101.**

Currently, **27 states** and the District of Columbia have legislation that provides some form of financial assistance to parents to help them choose a private or faith-based education for their children. Currently there are **59 publicly-financed programs** (vouchers, scholarships, education savings accounts and tax relief) available to assist parents with financial resources that enable them to exercise choice in their selection of a school for their children.

