

Catholic Education

Notre Dame Catholic School

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Catholic Schools Mission

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Denver exist to cultivate in students and the whole school community a love for Jesus Christ, fidelity to His Church, and commitment to the dignity of the human person.

They seek to assist parents in forming their children in moral and academic excellence.

In developing the talents of every student to the fullest, they seek to evangelize and serve the wider community in the name of the Gospel.

An Investment in Our Future

- Parents
 - \$30 Million
- Archdiocese of Denver, parishes, benefactors, grants
 - \$10 Million
- Teachers and Staff
 - \$7 Million

Why Are Catholic Schools a Good Investment?

The Archdiocese of Denver Catholic Schools give parents confidence that their children will experience more complete development and unsurpassed academic and personal success.

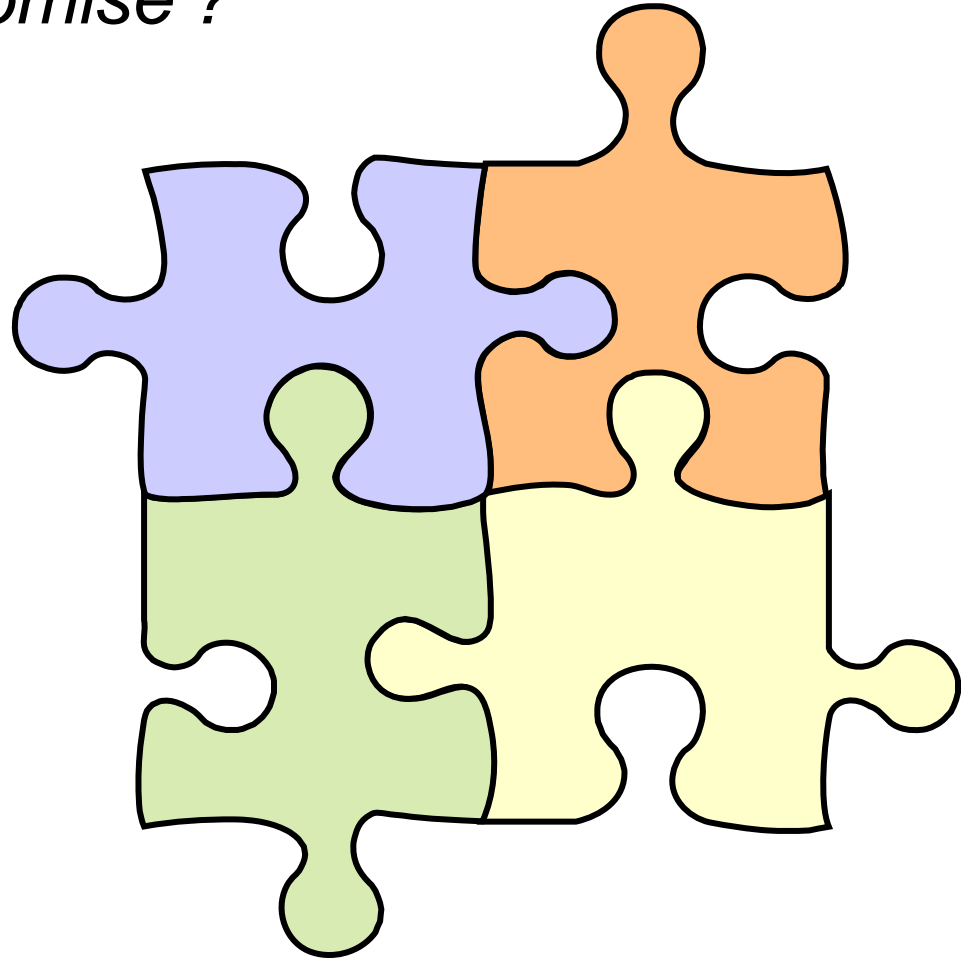
Why Do We Believe This Promise?

- Catholic Faith Formation
- Rigorous Academics
- Reinforce Family Environment
- Nurturing Community

Catholic School Sustainability Measurements

Are we delivering the 'promise'?

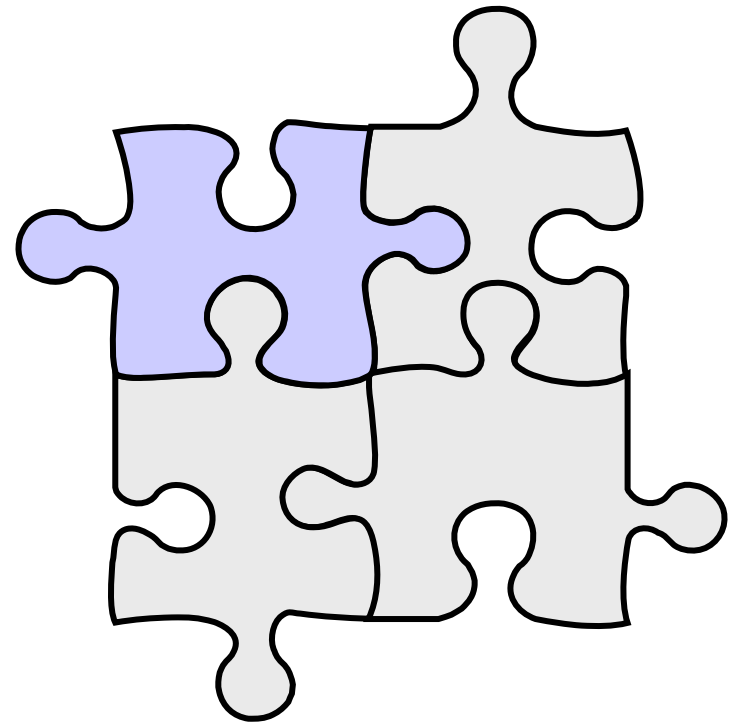
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- Academic achievement / assessment
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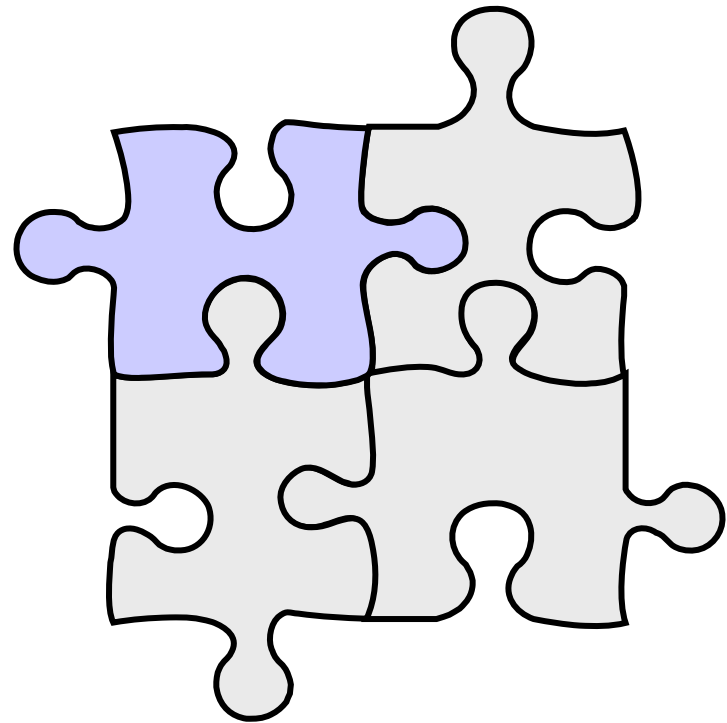
Sustainability Measurement – Mission

There are five (5) marks proposed by the Holy See that justify the Church's heavy investment in Catholic schooling. These are measurable benchmarks forming the backbone and inspiring the mission of every Catholic school.



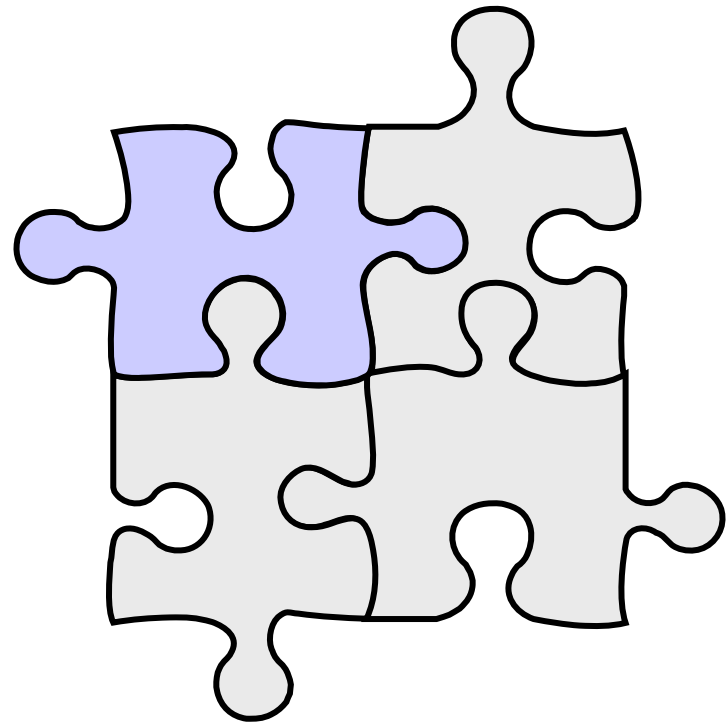
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- Mark 1: Inspired by a supernatural vision
 - The specific purpose of a Catholic education is the formation of boys and girls who will be good citizens of this world, loving God and neighbor and enriching society with the leaven of the Gospel.



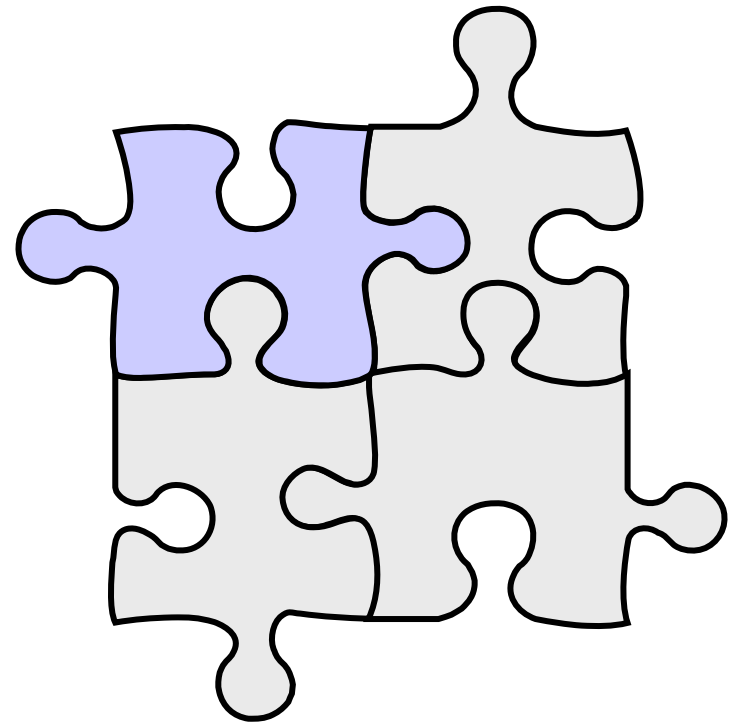
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- Mark 2: Founded on a Christian Anthropology
 - The Gospel of Jesus Christ and his very person are to inspire and guide the Catholic School in every dimension of its life and activity.



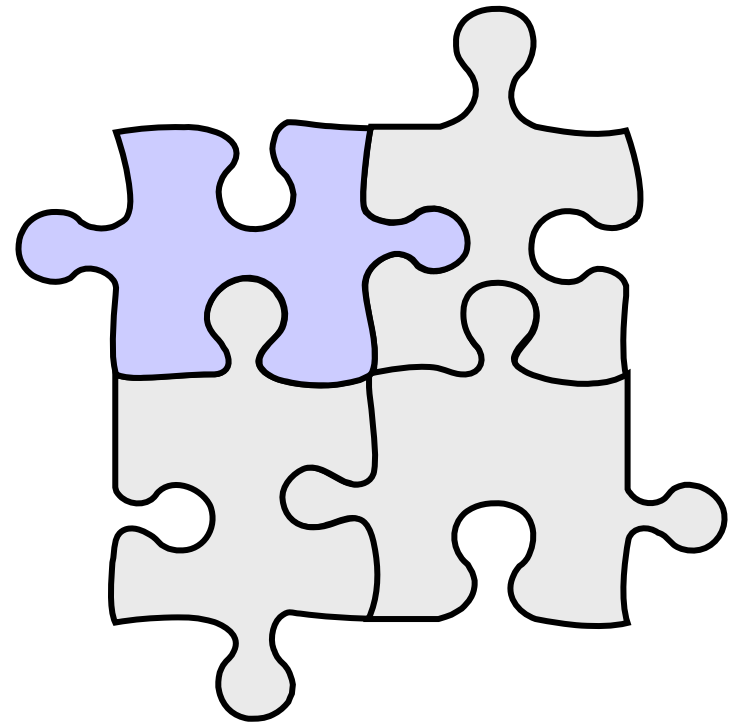
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- Mark 3: Animated by Communion and Community
 - Catholic schools strive to create a community school climate that reproduces, as far as possible, the warm and intimate atmosphere of family life.



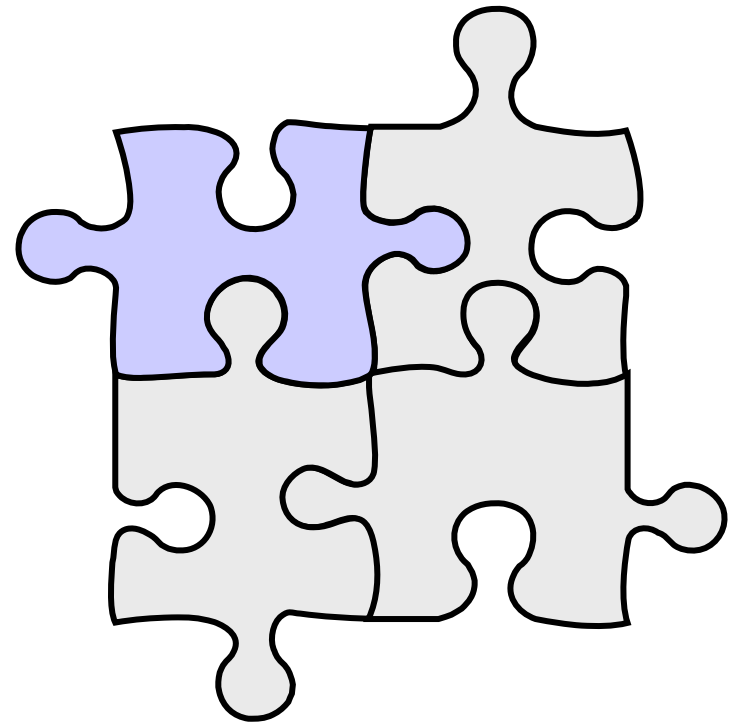
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- Mark 4: Imbued with a Catholic worldview throughout its curriculum
 - Catholic schools conform to mandated curriculum guidelines, but implement their programs with an overall religious orientation aimed at fostering love for wisdom and truth, and integrating faith, culture and life. Moral nature must keep the pace of improvement with the intellect.



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- Mark 5: Sustained by the witness of teaching
 - Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses. What educators do and how they act are more significant than what they say – inside and outside the classroom.



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