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The Five Essential Marks of Catholic Schools

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.

MARK 3: ANIMATED BY COMMUNION AND COMMUNITY

Much of education today prepares students to function in an individualistic society. Catholic schools serve as an alternative model based on a genuine community of faith.

Educators, administrators, parents and bishops guide the school to make choices that promote “overcoming individualistic self-promotion, solidarity instead of competition, assisting the weak instead of marginalization, responsible participation instead of indifference.” Catholic schools strive to create a community school climate that reproduces, as far as possible, the warm and intimate atmosphere of family life.

Source: The Holy See's Teaching on Catholic Schools, Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB Secretary, Congregation for Catholic Education, 2006



The Archdiocese of Denver's Catholic Schools are an investment in the future of our children and our Catholic faith.