



THE FIVE MARKS

of Catholic School Identity

The Catholic school “must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.” (The Joy of the Gospel, 114)



1

MARK ONE:
Standard One:

GROUNDING IN A CHRISTIAN ANTHROPOLOGY

An excellent Catholic school is driven by a mission which views all people with an inherent dignity as children of God.

2

MARK TWO:
Standard Two:

IMBUED WITH A CATHOLIC WORLDVIEW

An excellent Catholic school has a visible and tangible Catholic vision evident in its physical space, liturgical celebrations, and prayer life.

3

MARK THREE:
Standard Three:

ANIMATED BY A FAITH-INFUSED CURRICULUM

An excellent Catholic school has an academic curriculum that integrates a vision of faith within the learner outcomes and teaching strategies.

4

MARK FOUR:
Standard Four:

SUSTAINED BY GOSPEL WITNESS

An excellent Catholic school hires and nurtures teachers that are living witnesses to the Gospel, and intentional disciples of Jesus Christ and his Church.

5

MARK FIVE:
Standard Five:

SHAPED BY A SPIRITUALITY OF COMMUNION

An excellent Catholic school recognizes that each and every stakeholder is responsible for the common good.

