



Better Together
Catholic School Advisory Bodies

Engaging, Learning,
Knowing, Responding

[CATHOLIC MATTERS | MEETING MATTERS]

Catholic Principles Cut-Outs

These disks can be used to aid discussion of the core Catholic principles that should underpin the work of advisory bodies. They can be cut out (enlarged if necessary) and placed on the table for individual or group reflection. Reflection questions could include: What do these principles evoke for you personally/ as a group? In what ways is this core principle(s) evident in our work? How can we promote this principle in our work/ in our broader community?

The Love of Christ

The Love of Christ, which is the fundamental recognition that Catholic education is animated by and based upon the love of Christ for all people.

The Role of Parents

The Role of Parents, as the primary educators of their children, in whose place ("in loco parentis") and with whose collaboration, Catholic schools fulfill their mission.



Faithfulness to the Mission of the Church

Faithfulness to the Mission of the Church, which is the mission of the Christ, to preach the Good News, including fidelity to the teachings of the Church.

Church solidarity

Church solidarity, which is the obligation of members and agencies of the Church to support other individuals and agencies of the Church in need, and to work for the good of the whole Church community.

Support for the common good

Support for the common good, which is the general obligation on members of the Church not only to support the Church, its agencies and its members, but also to ensure that the work of the Church and its agencies contribute to the benefit of society as a whole



Embracing the poor

Embracing the poor, which is the obligation on the Church community to continually assess its actions and policies to ensure that they empower the most disadvantaged and marginalized.

Educational Quality

Educational Quality, which is the obligation upon all those in Catholic education to strive to provide the highest possible quality of education to those attending Catholic schools.

Participation

Participation, which is the principle that powers and functions in any community are exercised, wherever possible, by the persons and bodies closest to and most accountable to those affected.



Inclusiveness

Inclusiveness, which is the principle that Catholic education should be open to all those who wish to receive a Catholic education, and that all those engaged in Catholic education in whatever capacity will be welcomed and valued in the pursuit of the educational mission of the Church, to the extent that they support that mission.

Unity in Diversity

Unity in Diversity, which is the recognition that the Holy Spirit inspires different communities in different ways, bestowing upon them diverse charisms, which provide inspiration for action, all for the same purpose of promoting the Kingdom.

Stewardship of resources

Stewardship of resources, which is the obligation of all agencies of the Church to use financial and other resources responsibly, particularly with a view to ensuring the well-being of future generations.



Rule of Canon Law

Rule of Canon Law, whereby every agency of the Church is constituted and operates in accordance with Canon Law.

