



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: GROUNDED IN A CHRISTIAN ANTHROPOLOGY**
Standard One: An excellent Catholic school is driven by a mission which views all people with an inherent dignity as children of God.
- 2** **MARK TWO: IMBUED WITH A CATHOLIC WORLDVIEW**
Standard Two: An excellent Catholic school has a visible and tangible Catholic vision evident in its physical space, liturgical celebrations, and prayer life.
- 3** **MARK THREE: ANIMATED BY A FAITH-INFUSED CURRICULUM**
Standard Three: An excellent Catholic school has an academic curriculum that integrates a vision of faith within the learner outcomes and teaching strategies.
- 4** **MARK FOUR: SUSTAINED BY GOSPEL WITNESS**
Standard Four: 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: SHAPED BY A SPIRITUALITY OF COMMUNION**
Standard Five: An excellent Catholic school recognizes that each and every member is responsible for the common good.

