

# Why Do You Invest in a Catholic Education?

## Quotes from Catholic School Parents

We invest in a Catholic education for our children because in a world where there is so much noise, we want them to be able to create a love and respect for their faith, to always have that safe place to come to. Having also experienced the public school environment, we observed first-hand how it has helped to instill a love of learning in our children and, as a result, increased confidence.

For the overall loving and kind environment they are going to be raised in, the morals that I believe will be reinforced, character development and excellent and responsive teachers and staff that I would expect from a private and religious education.

We invest in a Catholic education because we think it's important to give our children a foundation for life; Catholic School has provided that foundation that brings together a strong Religious foundation and an exceptional Catholic education.

I invest in my child's Catholic education because a good education is the one thing I can give her that no one can take away.

Of all the investments I make as a father to prepare and protect my family, none is greater than the investment in their education and their Christian Faith. As life gets busy and my responsibilities grow, I find myself drawn back to the Church to help me be a better father, husband, son, uncle, etc... I want and am obliged to have the same foundation in Catholicism bestowed upon my amazing children. We are all truly blessed to have Catholic school in our lives.

- 1.) Strong, tight knit community
- 2.) Spiritual, moral, character development in Catholic school that is lacking in public
- 3.) Academic excellence with faculty and parents all truly invested in the best outcomes for all kids at the school- everyone seems to truly care at Catholic!

Our main reason to put our children in Catholic school is because we think it will help make them better people.

I invest in a Catholic education for my children for many reasons, but the

main one is that I want my children's formative years to be spent in a place where prayer is accepted, abundant, unrestricted and encouraged. I want them to have not only an academic education, but a faith education that is fully integrated in their everyday lives. I want them to have a home away from home in a place that will help keep them grounded, humble and merciful to others.

We think it's very important (especially in today's culture) that parents do what they can to ensure children properly learn the faith and form their morals. Especially at a young age before they become bombarded with what society believes their morals and beliefs should be. We look at it as fulfilling part of the promises we made at their baptism. We also enjoy the peace of mind that goes with knowing that both the adults and other children our child is exposed to when away from us have beliefs and morals consistent with our own.

I personally believe that the best gift a parent could give to a child is "great education." Providing great spiritual and developmental skills that will help to build a bright academic future. I consider school to be a second home for children. To be honest, he spends more time in school than at home. So, who he associates with and what he does in school is very important to me. Therefore, I invest because I know that Catholic School is a safe and nurturing environment for him.

Unlike public schools, Catholic school has God in the school. That alone gives me a relaxed mind when my child leaves home. I want him to appreciate God and be a Christian. I want him to know that Christmas is about the birth of Christ, Easter is for Christ's resurrection, Lent is time of penance and that we have an obligation to attend mass.

As parents, we had the option of selecting public or private school. We choose to make a payment when there is an option of free education (spending money that we could use for something else). We strongly believe that other parents thought about this before enrolling their kids and that is what gives us strength. Our son, is in the mist of other kids and their parents value education."

There are three qualities that appeal to me at Catholic Schools. First, the faculty and staff are competent, caring, and well-led. This is an evident characteristic. Second, the school complements academic rigor with moral and ethical growth. This is observed in the choices individual students make in how they interact with other students and with adults. Finally, the school balances efforts at uniformity (uniforms, morning announcements) with efforts at individuality (clubs, sports, groups). I feel that these qualities

collectively create an appealing atmosphere for our children.

We love how character is integrated within the curriculum. I grew up in a public school, where it was taboo to talk about God or religion. At Catholic School, values and love of God and others are interwoven into daily language and practice. We are very grateful to have these concepts reinforced every day at Catholic School.

I wanted my son to have a Catholic school education because I wanted his Catholic faith to be integral to his education. I wanted the caring, compassionate, loving atmosphere that exists in Catholic schools. I did not want him indoctrinated with the non-Christian values that seem to be prevalent in our public schools. I did not want him to have to deal with social cliques, bullying, and foul language that seems to be the norm in public schools. I wanted him to know that God is real and to reinforce the teachings and morals that his mother and I have tried to teach him at home. Beyond that, I wanted excellent academics and a high standards of conduct for both the students and teachers. Catholic School has fulfilled all of our dreams and exceeded our expectations these past 10 years.

Children need a structured and guided focus in life even more with all the today's influences and challenges placed upon them. A Catholic education grounds them with the right atmospheric balances of God, education and sense of family and community. No other education comes close!

We invest in Catholic education for our children because of the caring educational environment, the teacher to child ratio in the classroom, and the embedded faith base curriculum.

We send our children to Catholic for the education and the Catholic teaching. The children are turning out to be very outstanding and responsible leaders.

We value having a school that is not only concerned with developing my child's mind but also developing the kind of person that he will be - one who loves God and others as much as he loves learning.

We have "made the investment" in Catholic Schools for our sons because we believe that instilling knowledge and fostering a relationship with God is just as important as any other academic subject. In light of the crazy, uncertain times in which we live, we wanted our sons to be able to call upon God to guide and protect; and to discuss God's desire for us in addressing societal ills.