

Celebrating the Gift of Catholic Education

The students and staff of Holy Trinity Catholic Schools have celebrated many achievements during the past school year. Achievements such as struggling readers now reading at grade level, drama coaches and band instructors directing an exceptional performance, graduates celebrating their achievements, athletes and teams excelling at provincial competitions, and competing at robotic competitions.

However, our greatest celebration is experiencing the Great Gift of Catholic Education. Father Scott Jablonski, a priest from Wisconsin, shares that the purpose of all learning is to become saints. To become more like Jesus to become more fully ourselves. He emphasizes that our learning is intended by God to serve Him by serving our brothers and sisters. Father Jablonski suggests four outcomes that Catholic education uniquely provides.

1. **Catholic education instills in students the conviction that truth exists and is knowable.** Jesus tells us that He is the way, the truth, and the life. Seeking, knowing and living as Jesus leads us to find true joy.
2. **Catholic education teaches students their God-given dignity.** Catholic education uniquely helps students to know they have great worth because they were deliberately created by Almighty God “in his image and likeness.” Our schools teach our students that every single one of us matters — so much so that Jesus Christ died for us. This belief shapes how we live, act and relate to others.
3. **Catholic education forms students in moral virtue.** In our Catholic schools, we teach our students about the Beatitudes, about the Ten Commandments and about the virtues of the Catholic faith; where discussions about how to better practice generosity, honesty, faithfulness, respect, reverence, justice and love are regular behaviors!
4. **Catholic education offers all of us hope.** Catholic education offers the Church and the world hope for the future and into eternity. It offers us hope that there will be a Church in future generations to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. It offers us hope that we will have future citizens who will offer their God-given talents to serve others.