

## What Sets Catholic Schools Apart

### The Bread of Life Discourse

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.<sup>54</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. JOHN, CHAPTER 6:52-54 (NABRE)

The Gospel of John, Chapter 6, highlights how Christ, our Lord, poignantly reveals a mystery so profound that it is incomprehensible through our human senses, but which is utterly clear through Faith. Our Lord has given us Himself in the form of bread and wine in the Eucharist. God, centuries earlier in giving His people manna from heaven, foreshadowed what Christ was to fulfill before His Passion at the Last Supper. The Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus, the Son of God. This is "The Most Blessed Sacrament" because it is God. It is the central focus of our Faith and Our Lord's Church. Our Lord could not make it any clearer.

It is worth noting that after John recounts the feeding of the five thousand in the beginning of Chapter 6 from the offering of five barley loaves and two fish, that very night, the disciples see Jesus coming to them on the Sea of Galilee. He says, "It is me. Do not be afraid."

The very next day, Jesus delivers His Bread of Life Discourse. At the time, the faithful disciples could not understand what Jesus was telling them. How could they literally feed off of Christ's body? Peter could not understand, but he reveals that his heart is willing to open to true faith in God, when he says " Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we have come to know that you are the Holy One of God."

It is not a coincidence that Our Lord begins to reveal the profound gift that He will leave His Church the day after He comes across the waters of the Sea of Galilee to tell His Apostles not to be afraid. The great gift of the Eucharist is the manner in which He will stay with His Church until the end of time. Through this gift He will comfort and protect us.

Our Catholic schools provide a conducive environment for God to reveal His love. God's love transcends all learning and knowledge so that learning is not an end in itself, but can be seen in the context of God's great love for each child. In this setting, a student can come to understand their inestimable value in God's eyes and begin to understand the ultimate goal of their life. The Catholic School environment is essential to parents to supplement their primary role as educators of the faith. They are able to counter balance negative cultural influences through daily participation in prayer and service to others as well as frequent participation in a sacramental life.

Your loaves and fishes — being your prayers and donations — to Catholic education are the offering that God is using to feed the His children today.

Please pray for the ongoing success of Catholic schools. If you are in a position to support us financially or know anyone who would be interested in providing support, direct them to [teachthetruthfoundation.org](http://teachthetruthfoundation.org). Your support is allowing children to attend Catholic schools who otherwise would not be able to do so. Please note that those you help are extremely grateful! Thank you for what you have done to respond to Christ's command to teach all nations through your prayers and financial support.

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Teach the Truth

Teach the Truth Foundation provides tuition aid and financial support to Catholic Schools so that all who seek to attend a Catholic school can do so regardless of financial need.

Established in 2014, we invite all those who feel called to aid in the mission to support Catholic Education in Western Pennsylvania to partner with us. Our goal is to ensure that the Catholic Schools continue to be an option to all parents of school age children.

Catholic Schools have a wonderful legacy of providing an educational experience of outstanding quality with the foundational focus being Christ, the source of all true knowledge. The mission of Catholic Schools has been critical to the development of the United States and is even more critical today.

# Saint Catherine of Siena

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

This quote attributed to St. Catherine is very pertinent to the mission of the Catholic schools. Each person has a specific calling from God. This means that each person who enters a Catholic school is called to a unique role in life that no one else can fulfill. In the Catholic school, each student is given the opportunity to discover his or her calling in an environment that is dedicated to God.

The Catholic school provides opportunities for prayer, for learning the faith, for participating in the sacraments, and for service to others. Teachers have dedicated their careers and vocations to passing the faith on to young people.

Your contributions are allowing students to attend Catholic schools who otherwise would not be educated in such an environment. The students and parents are grateful!

To give you a touch of who is receiving your help, it includes a widowed parent, a set of parents where the father has experienced a catastrophic health incident, and others. One of these parents relayed to us that she has no problem with all the sacrifices necessary to allow her child to continue to attend the Catholic school because her son’s faith and relationship to God is strong. One of our students passed along that “ I will not forget *your generosity*, and I look forward to the time when I can financially help others as you have helped me.”

So, please know that God knows of your generosity. And, those you support do as well. They are all very grateful. Thank you.

I support the mission of Teach the Truth and would like to donate to your efforts to make a Catholic education a reality for even more parents in the 2019-2020 academic year.

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Children are obtaining a Catholic education who otherwise would not receive one!

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