

Communicating a culture of faith in schools

According to the Holy See's teaching on Catholic education, a Catholic school cannot be merely "a factory for the learning of various skills and competencies". A Catholic school should set out to be a "school for the human person and of human persons". It is founded on Jesus Christ the Redeemer and "He is the centre and fulcrum" of the school.

Cognisant of this, the Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools, through the Council of Catholic Schools' Principals (CCSP), initiated conversations about Catholic Social Teaching (CST) among school leaders.

School principals have shared that the CST principles are in alignment to their schools' mission, vision, values and identity. Over time, some schools have infused CST into the school curriculum where appropriate.

For example, in CHIJ St Theresa's Convent, CST principles guide teachers in the design of their values education lessons. Their efforts guide students to live out the values that underpin the faith, thus enhancing the distinctiveness of a Catholic School graduand. Overall, an understanding of the CST has also been helpful in strengthening the Catholic ethos in schools.

In response to this growing interest of implementing the CST, the CCSP conducted a workshop facilitated by a team comprising three educators and a lay volunteer.

Held in CHIJ St Theresa's Convent on July 4, the workshop aimed to address two objectives: to give an introduction to CST focusing on the key principles of Human Dignity and Common Good and to leverage on social media to communicate the Catholic culture in schools.

These two principles underpin the mission and vision of Catholic education.

While all schools teach respect, Catholic schools teach respect based on human dignity. Catholic schools believe that each student is made in the image of God.

All schools teach students to serve the community, nation and world. Catholic schools teach that each student is called by God to a unique vocation. Success is the realisation of that vocation which should include a strong sense of social mission for the common good.

The workshop concluded with a call to action where each school team was tasked to leverage on social media to publicise their own school's collaboration with parishes leading up to Catholic Education Sunday on Sept 15.

It was attended by 45 participants from more than 15 schools, comprising principals, religious education coordinators, school chaplaincy team members as well as school personnel overseeing publicity and communications. □

Submitted by the Council of Catholic Schools' Principals



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Project Assistant (Contract)

The job holder will be assisting the Project Manager with the Chancery's project and administrative requirements. This involves:

- Preparation of presentations and reports
- Database maintenance and project documentation
- Organizing and attending stakeholder meetings, as well as documentation and follow up on actions and decisions
- Monitoring project plans and schedules
- Undertaking project tasks and strategies in consultation with stakeholders
- Any other duties as and when required and assigned

Candidates with a Bachelor's Degree in Business, Communications or related disciplines may apply. They should have 1-3 years of experience in office administration, preferably with a background in project management.

Please send in your resume by **26 July 2019** to chanceryrecruitment@catholic.org.sg. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Primary One Registration Phase 2B

Calling all Catholic Parents!

Choose to give your child the privilege of a Catholic education nurtured in an environment of Love, Faith and Values.

Use your priority under Phase 2B of the Primary One Registration by submitting one parent's baptism certificate.

There are 19 Catholic Primary Schools in Singapore. Provide your child with an education that will make a difference!

Primary 1 Registration under Phase 2B (22 and 23 July 2019)

Priority for registration under Phase 2B is for a child of a baptised Catholic parent. The parent's baptism certificate is required at the point of registration under Phase 2B for primary 1 admission. In the event that the baptism certificate is not in English, the Church and the school reserve the right to request the parent to submit a baptism certificate that is translated into English, and certified by your parish priest in Singapore or a notary public.

Calling all Catholic Educators!

"The duty of educating the young is an ecclesial responsibility shared by all members of the Body of Christ: bishops, teachers, parents, and concerned lay leaders."

*Archbishop J. M. Miller, CSB
The Holy See's Teaching on Catholic Schools*

"Education is integral to the mission of the Church to proclaim the Good News. First and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth."

Pope Benedict XVI, 2008

There are 35 Catholic Schools in Singapore. Stay connected with the Catholic Education Fraternity!

A Call to Teach in a Catholic School (1 - 23 July 2019)

Attention all MOE educators! If you are interested to heed the call to teach in a Catholic School, or if you want to receive news and resources about Catholic education, do join our mailing list by filling up the form accessible via the QR code.

In tandem with the MOE Open Posting Exercise, the Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools (ACCS) has compiled a list of vacancies in our Catholic schools in 2020. ACCS will email you the instructions to access this list.

