



THE VALUE OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

As a parent, one of the most important decisions in your life and in the lives of your children is that of choosing the education that will most benefit them. These facts are recorded by the National Catholic Education Association.

- Catholic school student enrollment nationwide for the current academic year is 1,939,574. Of that enrollment, 1,359,969 are in elementary/middle schools.
- Non-Catholic enrollment is 328,690 which is 16.9% of the total enrollment.
- There are 6,568 Catholic Schools nationwide, 5,368 are elementary schools.
- The student teacher ratio in Catholic schools is 13:1, this includes St. Francis School.
- 99% of students in Catholic education graduate high school, compared to 73.2% in public education.
- 85% of Catholic school students attend a 4-year college, compared to 44% of public school students.
- The cost to educate each student at St. Francis, based on expenditures, is \$5,623. With the price of tuition and fees equaling \$3,399.47, a total of over \$2,223 is subsidized to each student through school fundraising, and the support of parishioners from St. Joseph's Church and St. Michael's Mission.