A Comprehensive Approach to Character Building in Catholic Schools

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Abstract
The overall goal of Catholic education is to help students achieve a transformation in Christ. Integral to this transformation is development of the natural moral virtues and spiritual/supernatural virtues. Schools need to implement a comprehensive character-building program which focuses on twelve components, such as caring classroom communities, prayer, and moral discipline.

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Schools often overlook character and focus primarily or exclusively on character. Character has to be an explicit centerpiece of the schools mission and of the school leaders philosophy. To consistently build excellence for students, families, and for the community, a school must have an intentional culture based on shared values, beliefs and behaviors. Charles Elbot and Dave Fulton. Building an Intentional School Culture. 20 Never will wisdom preside in the halls of legislation until Common Schools shall create a more farseeing intelligence and a pure morality than has ever existed among the Contribution of Catholic Education Presence in Schools Where Freedom of Education is Denied. The Contribution of Catholic Schools. Therefore, "it is time … to understand in a more profound way that the generating nucleus of every authentic culture is constituted by its approach to the mystery of God, in whom alone does a social order centred on the dignity and responsibility of the human person find its unshakeable foundation."[5]. In any case, religion is a decisive contribution to the building up of social community, in respect for the common good and with the intention of promoting every human being. Public life is sapped of its motivation and politics takes on a domineering and aggressive character.