



CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

"The Church has in a special way the duty and the right of educating, for it has a divine mission of helping all arrive at the fullness of Christian life." Canon 794.1

One of the ways the Church engages in this God-given task of helping all arrive at the fullness of Christian Life is through the Catholic School system and in close collaboration with local parishes.

Definition of a Catholic School

"The school is a Roman Catholic School in which the whole school community through the general School programme and its religious instruction and observances exercises the right to live and teach the values of Jesus Christ. These values are as expressed in the Scriptures and in the practices, worship and doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, as determined from time-to-time by the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Archdiocese of Wellington, currently Cardinal John Dew". (PSCIA 1975)

Cardinal's John's Vision

Every student in a Catholic school participates fully in a community of believers which is inspired by the Scriptures and nourished by the Eucharist. Teachers and all staff are Gospel witnesses who inspire, encourage and support their students to:

*"Walk the way of Jesus Christ,
Live the life of Jesus Christ,
And tell the truth of Jesus Christ."*

In so doing students realise their full potential as children of God within a holistic education system delivered with excellence."

You are entrusted to develop objectives and strategic goals to enable each student to:

"Walk the way of Jesus Christ, Live the life of Jesus Christ, and tell the truth of Jesus Christ".

+ John A Dew
Archbishop of Wellington

April 2016

Called to Serve in Catholic Education

We thank you God and we praise you, for calling us to the special ministry of sharing in the mission of Catholic Education.

We thank you God and we praise you, for guiding us and lighting the path of unknown ways, for placing confidence in us, for challenging us to freedom, for teaching us not to be afraid, for forgiving us and showing us how to forgive others, for calling us to build a community of love.

We thank you God and we praise you, for the challenges and the decisions, for all those who stood beside us, for all who have gone before us to preach and prepare the way.

We thank you God and we praise you, you have blessed us with many gifts, continue to shower your blessings upon us, allow us to know your transforming power so that in being renewed ourselves we might continue to be ministers of your grace in our families and in our school communities.

May all who share in this ministry of Catholic education in our Archdiocese be one of mind in our mission work, side-by-side in ministry, walk hand-in-hand through our ups and downs.

May all our efforts build up your kingdom where you live with Jesus for ever and ever, Amen.