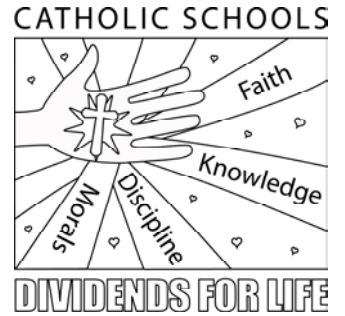


From Your Pastor

Catholic Schools Week ~ ~ ~ January 31 – February 6, 2010



Our Catholic Schools have been an enormous grace to the Church in the United States. We are profoundly blessed at Saint Columbkille to have had a school affiliated with the Parish since 1901. With you, it is my fond hope and expectation that Saint Columbkille School will serve the Catholic community in Allston-Brighton for many decades and centuries to come.



God bless Dr. McCarthy, our teachers and our staff!

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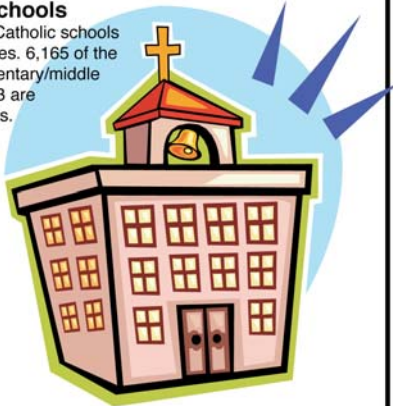
Interesting Facts about Catholic Schools

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Number of Schools

There are 7,378 Catholic schools in the United States. 6,165 of the schools are elementary/middle schools and 1,213 are secondary schools.

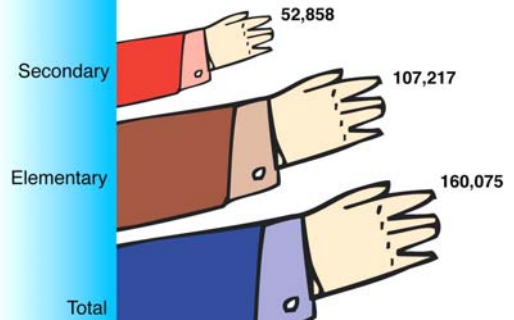


Source: The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), 2008.

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Number of Teachers in Catholic Schools



Source: The Annual Statistical Report of Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA), 2008.

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Ethnic Background of Catholic School Students

American Indian/Native Alaskan .4%
 Asian 4.2%
 Black 7.7%
 Hispanic 12.7%
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander .8%
 Multiracial 3.1%
 White 70.7%
 Unknown .4%



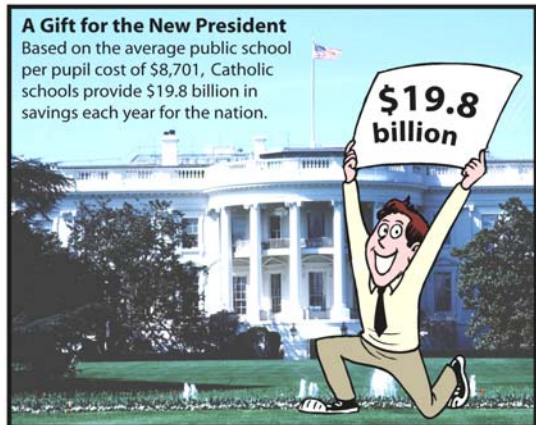
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A Gift for the New President

Based on the average public school per pupil cost of \$8,701, Catholic schools provide \$19.8 billion in savings each year for the nation.



Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2007-2008: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing.



God bless each of you.

Mrs. Fay