



Jubilee of the World of Education

Resources for Teachers and Catechists

BACKGROUND

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Church has prayed for and honored many groups of people all over the world. From October 30th to November 2nd, the Church will celebrate the Jubilee of the World of Education in Rome.

This jubilee offers us an opportunity to celebrate the Church's contributions to education. We may be proud of our own Catholic schools and parish religious education programs. We may even know about saints like Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton who were teachers or started schools. The jubilee invites us to recognize more fully that the Church played a key role in the development of education in world history.

In the first generations of Christianity, new Christians were taught about Jesus. The earliest

monks and nuns learned to read so they could pray with Scripture. Gradually, the Church helped develop schools and systems that now educate millions of people all over the world.

At the heart of Catholic education is always Jesus, who teaches, heals, and saves us. He gives us hope to build up the Kingdom of God and prepare for eternity.

The statistics listed below detail the impact of Catholic education globally and nationally. The timeline on page 2 identifies some of the most important moments and people in the history of Catholic education and formation. The activity on page 3 invites children to learn more about the impacts and history of Catholic education in their own community.

**65 MILLION
CHILDREN**



**ATTEND
CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS
GLOBALLY.**



**The Catholic Church
is the largest
non-governmental
provider of education
in the world.**

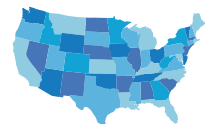
**There are
approximately
220,000
Catholic schools
in the world.**



**5,852
CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS
ARE LOCATED
IN THE
UNITED STATES.**



**There are (over) 1300
Catholic colleges
around the world.**



**OVER
1.6 million
students attend
Catholic
schools in the
United States.**

Your World of Education

An Activity for Students

DIRECTIONS:

From October 30th to November 2nd, the Church will celebrate the Jubilee of the World of Education. Catholic parishes and schools have helped to teach many generations of students. This activity will help you learn more about Catholic education in your area. Ask a teacher or parent these questions, or do research online to find out the answers.

1. What diocese do you live in?

2. What year was the (arch)diocese established?

3. What is the oldest Catholic parish in your community?

4. What is the oldest Catholic school in your community?

5. Did any famous person attend a Catholic parish or school in your community? What is his/her name?

6. Write a fact you learned about a Catholic parish or Catholic school near where you live:
