

Freedom to serve through education

Pray

That Catholic schools would have freedom to teach and bear witness to the truth about God and creation.

Reflect

God has created people with a capacity to exercise reason. The Christian commitment to reason and service has meant that education is a central aspect of the Church's mission. One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to teach. In the U.S., Catholic schools have played an important role in offering hope in impoverished, primarily urban, areas. Catholic schools have been significant anchor institutions in many neighborhoods, and thus they benefit even those who are not their students. Catholic leaders played a leading role in ensuring that African-American children could have access to quality education. Education is what Catholics do, and it is difficult to imagine an America without Catholic schools. Catholic schools need the space, the freedom, to operate in accordance with Catholic convictions if they are to continue to be a source of vitality for our society.

Act

Consider getting in touch with your local Catholic schools to find out about how they serve their communities and how you might participate in their work. Or, [sign up for the USCCB Catholic Education Newsletter](#) to keep up with the latest in Catholic education.



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