

Educator Resources from The Cardinal Newman Society

(partial list; all materials available at NewmanSociety.org)

STANDARDS FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

[Policy Standards on Mission and Philosophy Statements for Catholic Schools](#) (under review)

Recommends standards for mission and philosophy statements in Catholic education.

[Policy Standards on Admissions in Catholic Education](#) (under review)

Recommends standards for admissions policies and practices in Catholic education.

[Policy Standards on Moral Expectations for Employees in Catholic Education](#) (under review)

Recommends standards for morality clauses and employment policies in Catholic education.

[Policy Standards on Sexuality Programs in Catholic Education](#) (under review)

Recommends standards for school programs teaching about marriage and sexuality.

[Policy Standards on Formation of the Human Person in Catholic School and College Sports](#)
(2021)

Recommends standards for Catholic school and college policies concerning sports programs.

[Standards for Christian Anthropology](#) (with Ruah Woods Press) (2020)

Standards to be adopted or adapted by Catholic schools (grades K-8) for teaching St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

[Policy Standards on Literature and the Arts in Catholic Education](#) (2020)

Recommends standards for Catholic education policies concerning the selection of literature, other media, and artistic performances.

[Policy Standards on Human Sexuality in Catholic Education](#) (2020)

Recommends standards for Catholic education policies that foster a true account of the human person and of human sexuality consonant with Church teaching.

[Policy Standards on Secular Academic Materials and Programs in Catholic Education](#) (2020)

Recommends standards for Catholic education policies concerning the use of secular materials and programs and their alignment with the mission of Catholic education.

[Principles of Catholic Identity in Education](#) (2017)

Key principles of Catholic education, drawn from Vatican documents. Includes a series of reflection documents for discussion among school leaders, teachers, and parents, as well as an annotated bibliography of Church documents on Catholic education.

[Catholic Curriculum Standards](#) (2016)

Standards to be adopted or adapted by Catholic schools (grades K-12) to uphold the mission of Catholic education in math, science, literature, and history.

[Assessing Catholic Identity: A Handbook for Catholic College and University Leaders](#) (2011)

Self-evaluation tool for Catholic higher education in accord with *Ex corde Ecclesiae* and Canon Law.

MISSION AND IDENTITY

[How to Keep Your University Catholic](#) (2010)

Recommendations from a former Catholic university president for upholding the mission of faithful Catholic higher education.

[The Enduring Nature of the Catholic University](#) (2009)

Essays commemorating the anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's "Address to U.S. Catholic Educators" on April 17, 2008, with topics including academic freedom, evangelization, responsibilities of theologians, and campus ministry.

[Considering Catholic Honors and Platforms](#) (Catholic Education Report, 2009)

Analyzes diocesan policies providing moral standards for the selection of honorees and speakers at Catholic institutions.

[Reflections on Pope Benedict XVI's Address to Catholic Educators](#) (Catholic Education Report, 2008)

Essays considering Pope Benedict XVI's "Address to U.S. Catholic Educators" on April 17, 2008.

[Pope Benedict XVI and Catholic Higher Education](#) (2008)

Commentaries prior to Pope Benedict XVI's "Address to U.S. Catholic Educators" on April 17, 2008.

[Behaviors and Beliefs of Current and Recent Students at U.S. Catholic Colleges](#) (Catholic Education Report, 2008)

National survey of current and former undergraduate students at Catholic colleges and universities in the United States.

PERSONNEL

[All Employees Matter in the Mission of Catholic Education](#) (Issue Bulletin, 2020)

Explains why all employees, including non-teaching staff, should be expected to uphold moral expectations for employment.

[Community Matters to a Catholic School's Mission](#) (Issue Bulletin, 2020)

Explains the importance of preserving a Catholic school community and environment that support a student's moral and intellectual formation.

[The Call to Lead: Educational Leadership According to Catholic Church Documents](#) (Catholic Education Report, 2018)

Draws upon Church documents to consider essential aspects of leadership in Catholic education.

[The Call to Teach: Expectations for the Catholic Educator in Magisterial Teaching](#) (Catholic Education Report, 2015)

A review of Church documents to consider the role of the Catholic teacher in fulfilling the mission of Catholic education.

[Faith and Morals Language in Catholic School Teacher Employment Documents](#) (Catholic Education Report, 2015)

Recommendations for policies to establish moral expectations for Catholic school teachers.

[Faith and Morals Language in Catholic School Teacher Employment Documents: A Compilation from Diocesan Statements, Handbooks and Contracts](#) (Catholic Education Report, 2015)

Sample diocesan policies establishing moral expectations for Catholic school teachers.

Catholic Schools, Firing Policies and Teacher Misconduct (Issue Bulletin, 2014)

Considers disciplinary policies when Catholic school employees are found to be guilty of grave moral misconduct in their private lives.

Private Affairs and Private Institutions (Issue Bulletin, 2014)

Considers the psychological impact of a teacher's immoral conduct on students in Catholic education.

A Mandate for Fidelity: Pope Benedict Urges Compliance with Theologian's Mandatum

(Catholic Education Report, 2012)

Explains obligations of Catholic colleges to require the *mandatum* as a condition of employment for theologians and to publicly disclose which theologians have the *mandatum*.

Hiring for Mission at Catholic Colleges: A Survey of Current Trends and Practices (Catholic

Education Report, 2012)

A study of best practices in hiring employees who best serve the mission of faithful Catholic higher education.

Crafting Employee Health Plans for Catholic Institutions (Catholic Education Report, 2009)

Recommendations for ensuring that health benefits for Catholic education employees are consistent with Catholic moral teaching.

Contraceptive Mandates and Immoral Cooperation (Catholic Education Report, 2009)

Explains why Catholic education must not cooperate with government mandates to cover the costs of contraception, sterilization, and abortion in employee health plans.

Implications of Mandatory Insurance Coverage of Contraceptives for Catholic Colleges and Universities (2009)

Recommendation for protecting the mission of Catholic education against government mandates requiring insurance coverage of immoral practices including contraception.

ACADEMICS

Catholic Education's Call in the Face of 'Cancel Culture' (Issue Bulletin, 2021)

Explains how authentic Catholic education does not cancel culture; it elevates, redeems, and transmits culture.

Background on Critical Race Theory and Critical Theory for Catholic Educators (Issue Bulletin, 2021)

Explains the origins of critical theory and critical race theory.

Suggested Catholic Curriculum Standards to Address Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity in Catholic Education (Issues in Brief, 2021)

Identifies how the Newman Society's Catholic Curriculum Standards guide teaching on race and human dignity.

Suggested Standards of Christian Anthropology to Address Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity in Catholic Education (Issues in Brief, 2021)

Identifies how the Standards of Christian Anthropology (collaboration between Newman Society and Ruah Woods Press) guide teaching on race and human dignity.

10 Ways Catholic Education and Critical Race Theory Are Incompatible (Issues in Brief, 2021)

Summary on incompatibility of Catholic education and critical race theory.

10 Ways Catholic Education Counters ‘Cancel Culture’ (Issues in Brief, 2021)

Summary on how faithful Catholic education counters the toxic “cancel culture” and false ideology.

CRT-DEI: A Catholic Education Response (Webinar Video, 2021)

47-minute webinar on diversity, equity, and inclusion programs in Catholic education and concerns about critical race theory.

How Can Catholic Schools Address Racism from a Catholic Perspective? (Video, 2021)

Four-minute summary of Catholic teaching on racism and rejection of false ideologies.

Critical Race Theory and Catholic Schools: Programs of Concern and Some Ways to Respond (Powerpoint, 2021)

Overview of Catholic teaching on race and concerns with critical race theory.

Procedure and Checklist for the Evaluation and Use of Secular Materials and Programs in Catholic Education (2021)

Aid to assist application of the Newman Society’s standards for secular materials and programs.

How Do We Evaluate a Program We Want to Use in a Catholic School? (Video, 2021)

Six-minute summary of criteria for evaluating secular programs.

Analysis of the Habits of Mind Program (Newman Society Review, 2021)

Analyzes the secular Habits of Mind Program and identifies concerns about its use in Catholic education.

Analysis of Advanced Placement Courses (Newman Society Review, 2020)

Analyzes the secular Advanced Placement Courses and identifies concerns about their use in Catholic education.

Analysis of International Baccalaureate Program (Newman Society Review, 2020)

Analyzes the secular International Baccalaureate Programs and identifies concerns about its use in Catholic education.

Analysis of Secular Character Development Programs and Materials (Newman Society Review, 2020)

Analyzes various secular character development programs and identifies concerns about their use in Catholic education.

Maintaining Catholic Identity in Distance Learning Instruction (Issue Bulletin, 2020)

Recommends strategies to try to compensate for the suspension of in-person instruction in Catholic education.

Selected Reading List for Catholic K-12 Schools (2019)

Recommendations of literature for use in Catholic education.

Catholic Schools Not Improving Under Common Core (Issue Bulletin, 2018)

Explains that test scores show no marked improvement in schools since the Common Core State Standards were widely adopted.

10 Facts Every Catholic Should Know About the Common Core (2016)

Summary of concerns about the Common Core State Standards in Catholic education.

Many Diocesan and Private Catholic Schools Find Success Outside of Common Core (Issue Bulletin, 2015)

Explains that at least 33 Catholic dioceses and scores of private and independent Catholic schools have taken a cautious approach to the untested Common Core.

Disconnect between Common Core’s Literary Approach and Catholic Education’s Pursuit of Truth (Issue Bulletin, 2015)

Explains concerns with the guiding educational philosophies behind the Common Core State Standards.

10 Critically Important Adaptations to the Common Core for Catholic Schools (Issue Bulletin, 2013)

Recommendations for Catholic schools that take the problematic road of attempting to adapt the Common Core State Standards to Catholic education.

General Education at Catholic Colleges and Universities (Catholic Education Report, 2012)

Examines the general education requirements at all U.S. Catholic colleges and universities.

Bioethics Studies in Catholic Higher Education (Catholic Education Report, 2011)

Examines contemporary Catholic higher education and its unique role in preparing graduates, grounded in natural moral law to respond to bioethical questions of the day.

Catholic Social Teaching at the Catholic University (Perspectives, 2010)

Explains why educating the Catholic faithful in Catholic social teaching is a basic and necessary component of their catechetical and theological training.

Enhancing a Catholic Intellectual Culture (Catholic Education Report, 2010)

Recommends steps to ensure that a Catholic college provides a distinctive Catholic intellectual culture featuring the unity of faith and reason, fidelity to magisterial teaching, and an active critique of culture.

A Rekindling of the Light: The Past, Present and Future of a Catholic Core Curriculum

(Catholic Education Report, 2008)

Considers the importance of curricula with cores in the liberal arts and sciences, philosophy, and theology.

ADMISSIONS & ENROLLMENT

Working with Nontraditional Families in Catholic Schools (Issue Bulletin, 2021)

Recommendations for how Catholic schools can address family situations that may be inconsistent with the faithful Catholic education and formation of students.

Not All Families Are a Good Fit for Catholic Schools (Issue Bulletin, 2020)

Explains why the mission of Catholic education sometimes requires denying admission or dismissing a student, because of a family’s incompatibility with faithful Catholic formation.

STUDENT FORMATION

Protecting the Human Person: Gender Issues in Catholic School and College Sports (Issue Bulletin, 2020)

Explains the need for position statements and policies in Catholic education that emphasize the Christian view of the human person in athletics.

Fighting Pornography on Catholic College Campuses (Catholic Education Report, 2020)

Explores the impact of pornography on students and suggests resources and tactics to support students and limit pornography use on Catholic college campuses.

Catholic Colleges Should Lead Charge Against Sexual Assault (Issue Bulletin, 2018)

Explains how, by preserving traditional norms for student access and behavior in campus dorms, faithful Catholic colleges effectively combat on-campus sexual assault.

Should the Church Be a Permissive Parent? (Issue Bulletin, 2018)

Explains why young people need the Church to maintain an authoritative style of parenting that exhibits both deep concern for the child's wellbeing and confidence in what is right and true.

Visitation Policies at U.S. Catholic Colleges (Catholic Education Report, 2016)

Reports on study of visitation policies in student residences at residential Catholic colleges, not including seminaries, in the United States.

Encourage, Enact, and Enforce: A Residential Blueprint for Witnessing to the Church's Teachings on Chastity During the College Years (Perspectives, 2016)

Explains why every facet of a Catholic college, including the rules and regulations governing student life, must reflect Church teachings.

Sharing the Joy of the Gospel in Student Life (Perspectives, 2014)

Explains why student life leaders at Catholic colleges must care for the corporal and pastoral needs of their students, while assisting in their development of a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Strategies for Reducing Binge Drinking and a "Hook-Up" Culture on Campus (Catholic Education Report, 2012)

Recommends strategies to promote chastity and to prevent abuse of drugs and alcohol on Catholic college campuses.

The "Hook-Up" Culture on Catholic Campuses: A Review of the Literature (Perspectives, 2011)

Review of social science literature concerning the student culture on Catholic college campuses and student sexual activity.

The Effects of Pornography on Individuals, Marriage, Family and Community (Catholic Education Report, 2009)

Considers evidence that pornography distorts a young person's concept of the nature of conjugal relations and alters both sexual attitudes and behavior.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Investment Strategies in Catholic Education Should Seek More than Profits (Issue Bulletin, 2021)

Argues that Catholic education needs a complete moral framework for investing funds, beyond the profit motive.

LAW & RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Challenges to Religious Exemption in Title IX (Educator Memo, 2021)

Summary of webinar on challenges to the religious exemption in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

New Threats to Religious Freedom Under Biden Administration (Educator Memo, 2021)

Summary of webinar on early and proposed actions of the Biden administration that could affect Catholic education.

[Key Points on Supreme Court's *Espinoza* Ruling on Public Benefits for Catholic Education](#)

(Educator Memo, 2020)

Summary of June 30, 2020, Supreme Court ruling in *Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue* which found that religious schools and colleges should have equal access to public benefits.

[Key Points on Supreme Court's *Our Lady of Guadalupe* Ruling on Ministerial Exception](#)

(Educator Memo, 2020)

Summary of July 8, 2020, Supreme Court ruling in *Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Agnes Morrissey-Berru* which found that the ministerial exception bars employment-related lawsuits from teachers of religion.

[Key Points on Supreme Court's *Bostock* Ruling on Sex Discrimination](#) (Educator Memo, 2020)

Summary of June 15, 2020, Supreme Court ruling in *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia*, which found that “an employer who fires an individual merely for being gay or transgender violates Title VII,” the federal law banning employment discrimination in categories including sex.

[Protecting Your Right To Educate: How Catholic Education Can Defend Against Emerging Legal Threats](#) (Issue Bulletin, 2020)

Recommendations to Catholic educators to protect against threats to religious freedom by ensuring strong and consistently faithful policies and programs. Outlines recommended mission audit to carefully review all potential threats.

[Teach, Witness and Advocate: Catholic Education's Response to Secularism](#) (Lecture Series, 2015)

Recommending Catholic educators' firm resistance to violations of religious freedom and efforts to protect Catholic education by ensuring clear, consistent, and faithful policies and programs.

[The NLRB's Assault on Religious Liberty](#) (Catholic Education Report, 2011)

A study of the National Labor Relations Board's assertion of authority over religious colleges, in repeated violation of a 1979 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court.

[Protecting Catholic Colleges from External Threats to Their Religious Liberty](#) (Catholic Education Report, 2011)

Recommends steps that Catholic schools and colleges can take to defend their religious mission.

AMICUS BRIEFS

[Newman Society Files Amicus Brief on Upholding Ministerial Exception – U.S. Supreme Court](#) (2021)

[Newman Society Files Amicus Brief on Upholding Religious Exemption – 9th Circuit Court of Appeals](#) (2021)

[Newman Society Files Amicus Brief on Upholding Ministerial Exception – 7th Circuit Court of Appeals](#) (2020)

[Newman Society Files Amicus Brief on Upholding Ministerial Exception – 8th Circuit Court of Appeals](#) (2020)

[Newman Society Files Amicus Brief on Upholding Ministerial Exception – U.S. Supreme Court](#) (2020)

[Newman Society Files Amicus Brief on Title VII Interpretation – U.S. Supreme Court](#) (2019)

[Newman Society Files Amicus Brief on Establishment Clause Interpretation – U.S. Supreme Court](#) (2017)

[Newman Society Files Amicus Brief on U.S. Education Department’s Mandate – U.S. Supreme Court](#) (2017)

[Newman Society Files Amicus Brief on Contraceptive Mandate – U.S. Supreme Court](#) (2016)

[Newman Society Files Amicus Brief on Upholding Ministerial Exception – 6th Circuit Court of Appeals](#) (2014)

[Newman Society Files Amicus Brief on Obama Administration Mandate – District of Columbia Court of Appeals](#) (2010)

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

[To Restore Integrity: Newman’s Idea of Education](#) (2019)

Explains St. John Henry Newman’s argument that education loses its integrity without moral and religious formation guided by the Church.

[Ex corde Ecclesiae: Echoes of Newman’s The Idea of a University](#) (Catholic Education Report, 2009)

Explains close connection between St. John Paul II’s *Ex corde Ecclesiae* and the thought of St. John Henry Newman in *Idea of a University*.

[Newman on Education](#) (Catholic Education Report, 2008)

The foremost biographer of St. John Henry Newman explains his thought on Catholic education.

[Newman’s Idea of a University: Still Relevant to Catholic Higher Education](#) (Lecture Series, 2001)

Cardinal Avery Dulles, S.J., explains failures of modern Catholic universities to live up to St. John Henry Newman’s *Idea of a University*.