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# Thirty Years and Going Strong

A lot changes in 30 years, and few reform efforts last nearly that long. But the work of The Cardinal Newman Society—promoting and defending faithful Catholic education, in response to the tragic decline and secularization of many Catholic schools and colleges over the last several decades—is that important.

Our president Patrick Reilly has been at this since founding CNS in 1993 with other Catholic education graduates, and in recognition of all that has been accomplished in that time, *Inside the Vatican* magazine recently named him one of the top 10 Catholic influencers in 2022.

But I'm relatively newer to the effort, having joined CNS last year after serving as Vice President of Marketing at Ave Maria University, one of the colleges recognized by *The Newman Guide*. So while I think the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CNS is a great opportunity to look back on its enormous success in renewing faithful Catholic education, I'm especially excited about what's to come during this special year and beyond. For example:



- *Our Catholic Mission* will keep getting larger and better, as we strive to bring Catholic educators the very best guidance and encouragement as they strengthen Catholic identity and rebuild across all levels. We will increase circulation to reach thousands more teachers and education leaders in the coming months.

- We are expanding *The Newman Guide* to recognize not only faithful colleges but also Catholic education at every level. See our announcement on pages 10-11 about *Newman Guide* recognition for schools and graduate programs.

- Building upon the popularity of our Catholic Curriculum Standards, which 36 dioceses and other schools are using to ensure authentic Catholic education across all studies, we will be working with more schools and dioceses to implement the Standards across the U.S.

- CNS will soon be adding school assessment and evaluation to our programs, with new online tools that help school leaders check on their progress and



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identify ways of better fulfilling the mission of Catholic education.

Our work is more vital and exciting today than it ever was! And although we are thrilled to be working with a growing number of partner organizations in the renewal of Catholic education, no other organization provides this kind of support for authentic Catholic formation. May God continue to bless you in your invaluable service to Catholic families, and may He guide and increase the work of CNS for the next 30 years. **OCM**

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Our Catholic Mission magazine is growing. This edition is 16 pages and mailed to more Catholic educators than ever! However, while we have always targeted bishops, superintendents, and principals, in 2023, we are making a concerted effort to reach K-12 teachers and Newman Guide college professors. Simply go to: [www.cardinalnewmansociety.org/ocm-subscribe/](http://www.cardinalnewmansociety.org/ocm-subscribe/)  
The subscription is FREE and will equip you with the latest information on issues impacting faithful Catholic education.



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# The Future of Faithful Catholic Education

By Patrick Reilly, CNS founder and president

**N**ot long before the launch of The Cardinal Newman Society in 1993, an elderly priest advised me to stop trying to rescue Catholic education. “You’re chasing the horses 20 years after the barn doors were opened,” he said.

I suppose he had reason for doubt. In the span of just two decades, his generation witnessed the tragic secularization of many Catholic colleges, the abdication of nuns from Catholic schools, and the rapid decline of parish school enrollment. Now, three decades later, many more Catholic schools have closed their doors, and enrollment has dropped steadily—at least until the recent post-pandemic bump.

Despite all this, never has The Cardinal Newman Society wavered from our mission to promote and defend faithful Catholic education. And while the tide of secularism in America is still very strong, never have I been more certain of the reform and renewal of Catholic education and of God’s blessings upon it!

Today we rejoice in a new generation of fruitful, authentic Catholic educators who are determined to build up faithful Catholic education. Colleges established and reformed in recent decades have become top choices for families seeking truly faithful Catholic education, thanks in part to the success of our Newman Guide programs. There is a growing

number of exemplary Catholic schools and graduate programs, now also invited to enjoy Newman Guide recognition and promotion. And we celebrate the growth and maturation of Catholic homeschool and hybrid programs, forming outstanding scholars, leaders, priests, and sisters.

After 30 years of grateful toil in this work of fighting off secularism—the same work that our patron, Saint John Henry Newman, said was his primary mission more than a century ago—I have no more wisdom to offer than what Newman preached: education begins and ends in God. And as for the future of Catholic education and the success of our mission, we follow the example



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of Newman who asked only for the light of the Holy Spirit to see his next step. We, too, have only to seek and trust in the goodness of each step that we take. That blind trust served CNS well these last three decades.

Therefore, I won't even try to predict the future of Catholic education—but we can pray for its revival, by God's grace. And with each step forward, it helps to keep in mind the five broad objectives below, toward which there is much to be accomplished. The Cardinal Newman Society strives for advancement in each of these areas, and we are grateful to be accompanied by an ever-growing number of educators and partner organizations making important contributions toward faithful education.

### Renewal

The mission of Catholic education and the vision articulated by the Church must be renewed in the hearts, minds, and wills of Catholic education leaders and teachers.

In too many schools and colleges, the very foundation of Catholic education has been forgotten or willfully neglected. The differences between secular and Catholic education are not minor—they are fundamental and are of great consequence to students. A secular education focuses on empowerment, helping students accumulate information and develop skills in order to achieve their intellectual and physical potential. But Catholic education has a higher priority: to know and love God in pursuit of communion with Him, which is the final and proper end of a fully human life. More than the accumulation of knowledge, the student discerns some portion of the wisdom of God, and this requires His grace bestowed through prayer and sacrament with Jesus Christ as the perfect teacher.

If Catholic education is to be revived—if Catholic parents are to once again choose education that helps fulfill their sacred responsibility to form their children in faith, virtue, and wisdom—then

it begins with a renewed awareness and appreciation for the vision articulated in Vatican documents. After several months of studying magisterial guidance from the last century, The Cardinal Newman Society distilled the key points into our five Principles of Catholic Identity in Education. These can be viewed as a further development of the five “marks” of Catholic education proposed by Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB, which rely on the same Vatican sources.

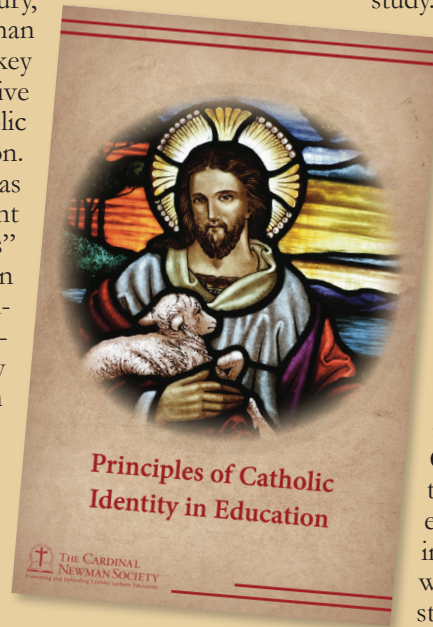
Every Catholic educator should be familiar with the distinctive and superior elements of Catholic education, especially given the widespread secularism and confusion in society and even within the Church today.

### Integration

The integrity of Catholic education needs to be restored, beginning with an understanding of the integrity of the human person. As St. John Henry Newman explains, students come to class with all their emotions, appetites, will, and reason “warring” inside of them, because of the Fall. But it is the task of Catholic education “to reunite what has been put asunder.” Catholic education forms the intellect, but it does so in harmony with the rest of the soul and body—a truly integral formation of the person, ordered toward communion with God.

Within academics, there is also an integration that is necessary to Catholic education. If all knowledge and wisdom come from the mind of God, the one source of all, then the various disciplines have one foundation and should share insights, values, and methods across the

curriculum. This is especially true of the Catholic faith, which is not simply infused into the classroom but provides the foundation and principles for every study.



In other activities, there can be no contradiction between learning and behavior, especially by the witness of teachers and other staff. Upholding moral expectations across all employees is increasingly difficult as even Catholics embrace ideologies and cultural norms that oppose Catholic teaching. But the integrity of Catholic education demands such integrity of every adult whose witness is seen by students.

### Protection

To ensure the integrity of Catholic education, it must be defended. The threats to faithful Catholic education are numerous, beginning with the lack of awareness among many educators of the distinct mission of Catholic education. Especially in colleges, students are sometimes misled by dissent and even scandal while living in an often toxic campus culture. Also, as noted above, false ideologies and cultural norms in American society today—most notably gender ideology and distortions of marriage and sexuality—have great influence over students, parents, and Catholic school and college employees. Activists, legislators, courts, athletic associations, accreditors, and others are trying to force these new norms on Catholic educators, disregarding their religious beliefs and obligations.

At CNS, we are working hard to help Catholic educators secure the greatest protection under the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom. In addition to filing amicus briefs and communicating with government officials on behalf of Catholic families and educators, we provide standards and sample policies to help schools and colleges institute policies that are explicitly rooted in Catholic teaching, clear to all students and employees, and consistently upheld. The more forthright educators are about

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their Catholic mission and what is expected of all students and employees, the more likely an institution's religious freedom is respected by the courts.

## Reform

It may be that many Catholic schools and especially colleges have been too far afield, for too long a time, to expect a complete return to faithful Catholic education. But still there is a need for continued efforts at reform, if only to declare the principle that falsehood, dissent, and scandal have no place in authentic Catholic education.

Here we see the importance of developing a truly Catholic understanding of academic freedom. The Church does not accept the liberal view of human dignity as rooted in man's reason and free will alone, thus recommending the widest possible freedom without regard for truth. Human dignity is bestowed by our Creator in His gracious desire that we be in communion with Him, and our reason and free will are ordered toward that purpose. Catholic education should allow students and teachers great freedom in exploring and contemplating reality, because reason requires a certain freedom to work on knowledge. But Catholic education must reject notions of absolute freedom, embrace truth, and avoid leading students into falsehood or sin.

## Recommitment

Finally, the reform and renewal of faithful Catholic education require a recommitment by the Church to the project of education. In my conversations with bishops and priests, I often hear a tone of resignation, as if the days of Catholic education are behind us and can never be recovered. Saint John Paul II and Pope Benedict paced a very high priority on faithful Catholic education, and that sense of urgency and commitment needs to persist in American dioceses and homes.

Millions of dollars and work hours have been put into the "New Evangelization" with mixed results, but always falling

short of true formation of young people. Catholic formation requires time and the integration described above, and this simply cannot be done well in the context of scattered events built around a public education. Today public schools and universities often strive to form students in ways that are contradictory to a Catholic morality and worldview. We must again appreciate Catholic education as the

Church's primary and most effective means of evangelization, while being frank about the great dangers in public education.

This recommitment needs to

happen, most importantly, among parents. They are the primary educators who choose the education for their children, and they witness to Catholic education by their own lifelong pursuit of Catholic formation and growing in knowledge and wisdom. At baptism, parents vow to raise their children in the Catholic faith. As St. John Henry Newman declared of-

ten, a private religion without relevance to activities outside of church is dead; and an education disregarding the fundamental insights of the Catholic faith is a poor education.

Is it too tall an order to ask for reform and renewal, integration and protection, with the full commitment of the Church? Can we recover the urgency of Archbishop John Hughes of New York, who insisted on building schools before completing parish church buildings?

With God's grace, I do believe all this can come to pass—and we are seeing many exciting signs and examples of it all around the U.S. We go forward into the next decade, taking each step with bold confidence that God will do what He wills with our work. I look back on The Cardinal Newman Society's 30 years with amazement and praise for what has been wrought from our faulty efforts, and that gives me the greatest hope for the future of Catholic education. **OCM**

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“ We started to expose how much formation is necessary, and that was something I didn't fully anticipate.

**I am grateful for what The Cardinal Newman Society's website looks like today, the amount of resources, videos, documents, etc., all these things that weren't there just a few years ago. This is a huge blessing!**

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# Standing Firm in Defense of Catholic Education

The road to renewal of faithful Catholic education has never been smooth. In its 30 years, The Cardinal Newman Society has encountered many threats to Catholic education, both inside and outside the Church.

With each challenge, CNS has nimbly shifted priorities and faced the problem head-on. No other organization has our mission—“to promote and defend faithful Catholic education”—and we take seriously the importance of protecting the most faithful Catholic schools and colleges from ideological and theological corruption and attacks by activists, legislators, courts, and more.

Through all of it, we take every opportunity to shine a light on the best of Catholic education and to help fortify Catholic educators in their mission of formation and evangelization. Our response is always rooted in Magisterial teachings and the Church’s vision for Catholic education. Our strategy is not simply to oppose infidelities and injustices, but also to help educators embrace sound Catholic principles, standards, and policies without compromise to the truth.

In 1995, an accreditor tried to force medical schools, including religious institutions, to teach sterilization and abortion procedures. It was the first big challenge for The Cardinal Newman Society. Our opposition and work with the U.S. bishops helped launch a Congressional hearing that convinced the accreditor to back down.

The next few years, we advised the U.S. bishops’ committee developing guidelines to implement *Ex corde Ecclesiae*, the apostolic constitution on Catholic higher education, and the *mandatum* for theologians. Sadly, many college leaders and faculty opposed the Vatican rules. But the bishops stood firm and adopted most of what CNS advocated.

Today we continue to face challenges to Catholic education at all levels. For example:

**Legal threats:** Beginning with the Obama administration’s contraceptive and transgender mandates, and more recently the Biden administration’s attempts to force gender ideology on schools and colleges, CNS has kept Catholic education leaders informed about threats to religious freedom and helped them implement clear and consistent policies to ensure the best legal protection.

**Critical race theory:** As we noticed Catholic educators with due concern for racial division adopting the false notions of critical race theory, CNS provided resources and guidance embracing the Church’s teaching on human dignity and virtue as the proper basis for Catholic education. Our work helped Catholic educators avoid politics and ideology to fo-



cus on the human person, charity, and solidarity.

**Crisis of faith:** Increasingly, more young people lack belief in Catholic teachings and reverence for the Eucharist. But studies prove that this crisis of faith is truly a crisis of education and a lack of understanding. CNS launched our Eucharistic Education Task Force to remind families and Church leaders that Catholic education is the Church’s most effective means of evangelization.

There will always be new challenges, and we must be charitable and reasonable in our response. But CNS will never shy away from the truth of our Catholic faith and will work to defend those who stand firm in the mission of Catholic education.

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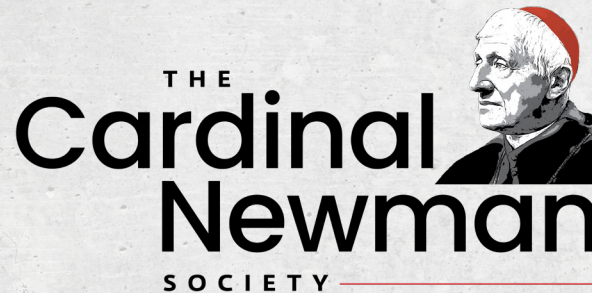


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# A Fresh New Logo with Deep Meaning

THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SOCIETY IS CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF PROMOTING AND DEFENDING FAITHFUL CATHOLIC EDUCATION BY INTRODUCING A FRESH NEW LOGO AND 30TH-ANNIVERSARY MARK.



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The new logo draws its color inspiration from the vestments and symbols of a Cardinal's office —red, white, black, and gold—and prominently features the bust of St. John Henry Newman, the great educator-saint who was canonized in 2019. A red bar sits atop the logo and runs the width of the page. Below the logo is The Cardinal Newman Society's mission statement: "Promoting and defending faithful Catholic education."

The design is filled with meaning. Red is the color of the Cardinal's zucchetto and cassock, signifying the blood of Christ whose truth, love, and redemption are the firm foundation of authentic Catholic education. Red also signifies the blood of the Christian martyrs and devotion to teaching and defending the Catholic faith without fear or compromise.

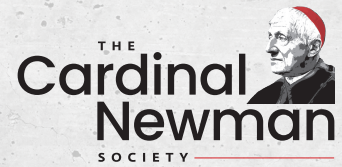
The red bar or the "high bar" represents The Cardinal Newman Society's commitment to upholding standards of faithful Catholic formation and recognizing the very best of Catholic education in The Newman Guide. The bar extending across the page represents the lifelong continuum of Catholic education from birth to death.



In one presentation of the logo, it is situated in a gradated screen transitioning from black to light. This recalls Newman's famous poem, *Lead Kindly Light*, in which the scholar and educator humbly vows to follow God's light of truth. Contrary to the aims of secular education, Newman never sought power over his world nor a certain direction, but only God's will to guide him one step at a time. It was with such humility and trust that Newman later converted into the light of the Catholic Church and became a celebrated priest, educator, Cardinal, and Saint.

"St. John Henry Newman devoted his life to Catholic education, scholarship, and formation, helping Catholics of all ages live their faith boldly and in complete fidelity to the Church," said Patrick Reilly, founder and president of The Cardinal Newman Society. "Today we see the beginning of a great renewal of Catholic education according to Newman's vision, and we step forward into the next 30 years with complete trust in God to guide each step ahead."

Launched in 1993, The Cardinal Newman Society has become the leading voice for faithful Catholic education. This position has been hard-earned, forged by three decades of helping parents, students, educators, and clergy renew the saving mission of Catholic education and defend against infidelities and ideologies that threaten the integrity of authentic Catholic formation. **OCM**



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# CNS Launches Newman Guide Recognition for Schools, Graduate Programs

What could be more exciting than The Newman Guide? More Newman Guide!

The first edition of The Newman Guide was published in 2007, and I used it to find a faithful Catholic college where I had an amazing experience and even met my future husband. By helping Catholic families find good Catholic colleges amid widespread secularization and infidelity, the guide has become a hopeful sign of the renewal of faithful Catholic education.

As that renewal continues with the revitalization of faithful Catholic schools and the availability of faithful graduate programs, the time is right for The Cardinal Newman Society to take its Newman





Guide to the next level. In this special anniversary year, we are expanding our highly successful Newman Guide to include faithful Catholic elementary, secondary, and graduate school options in addition to Catholic colleges.

The Newman Guide recognizes model institutions that refuse to compromise their Catholic mission. Too many of America's schools and colleges—including much of Catholic education—have become battlegrounds for today's culture wars, causing as many as 85 percent of Catholic youth to lose their faith by adulthood.

By extending the Newman Guide into K-12 schools and graduate programs, we are providing Catholic parents and students with a pathway to a seamless, faithful Catholic education.

Over the years, The Newman Guide has earned a strong reputation for rigorously vetting Catholic colleges, ensuring they have strong policies and standards that uphold Catholic identity from academics and athletics to faculty hiring and campus life. This has resonated with Catholic families, as more than 75,000 families refer to the Newman Guide online every year to help find a faithful Catholic college.

## Newman Guide schools

Have you heard about Catholic schools providing daily Mass for students? Forming them with timeless works of literature? Ensuring a Catholic worldview in all subjects? Focusing on virtue development in their athletic programs?

There is so much to celebrate at Catholic schools recognized in The Newman Guide! While some Catholic schools have gone “woke” by embracing gender ideology and mirroring public schools in their curriculum, personnel, and educa-

tional philosophy, the Newman Guide schools remain strong in the faith.

We already have a lot of experience evaluating and recognizing schools since 2011 with our Catholic Education Honor Roll. The Honor Roll will continue a while longer as currently recognized schools complete their five-year terms, but new recognition will be under The Newman Guide.

“We are thrilled that The Cardinal Newman Society is expanding The Newman Guide to include primary and secondary Catholic schools,” said Derek Tremblay, headmaster of Mount Royal Academy in Sunapee, N.H. “The Cardinal Newman Society remains a critical and trusted partner in Catholic education. The policies and curriculum standards drafted and recommended by CNS reflect the fullness of the Catholic faith. There is simply no other institution that compares to what the Cardinal Newman Society has done to keep Catholic education faithful to Jesus Christ.”

## Graduate programs

At the graduate school level, the expanded Newman Guide is also responding to a pressing need from Catholic families. For years, families have asked for our guidance in choosing a Catholic graduate program. And the number of U.S. students seeking a graduate degree has doubled in the last 20 years.

Some of the graduate programs working through the application process include the Augustine Institute, Ave Maria School of Law, Divine Mercy University,

and Pontifex University. Newman Guide colleges that offer graduate programs have also expressed interest.

In the right program, students can pursue an advanced education while being immersed in a truly Catholic environment. This is great news for Catholic families and for the future of the Church!

## Formation for a lifetime

There's no greater gift parents can provide young people than a faithful Catholic education.

“We have told our kids they can choose from the list of faithful colleges for undergraduate studies,” said Elisa Del Curto, a Catholic mother of 10 in California, whose children have, so far, all attended a Newman Guide college at the undergraduate level. “We have never expected these faithful colleges on the list to be perfect; nothing can be. But what we have found in the guide has been beyond helpful in aiding our children in their quest for truth.”

We hope that families will find the same value in our recommendations of faithful schools and graduate programs. And we pray that the expanded Newman Guide will allow more students to enjoy better lives because of experiencing faithful Catholic education. The expanded Newman Guide is good news for Catholic families, Catholic educators, and the future of the Catholic Church! **OCM**

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This goes back to the beginning of Common Core and a number of conversations I had with Denise Donohue where I was observing that we didn't have a solid Catholic alternative.

**I challenged The Cardinal Newman Society to help provide Superintendents with resources and they have responded spectacularly.**



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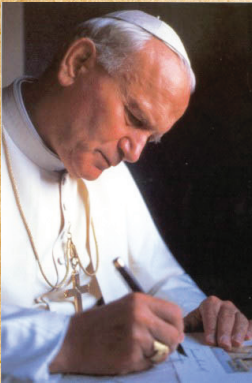
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# THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SOCIETY THROUGH THE YEARS

SINCE 1993, THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SOCIETY HAS LED THE GROWING MOVEMENT FOR RENEWAL OF FAITHFUL CATHOLIC EDUCATION. THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST 30 YEARS.



1993

## FOUNDING OF CNS

Inspired by Saint John Paul II's apostolic constitution, *Ex corde Ecclesiae*, Patrick Reilly and fellow alumni of Catholic colleges meet in Washington, D.C., in 1993 to launch The Cardinal Newman Society (CNS).

1995

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

CNS brings national attention to the need for a renewal of Catholic education with a series of annual conferences featuring leading Catholics, including Cardinal Avery Dulles, S.J., Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J., Peter Kreeft, Tom Monaghan, Fr. Richard John Neuhaus, Justice Antonin Scalia, George Weigel, and more.

1999

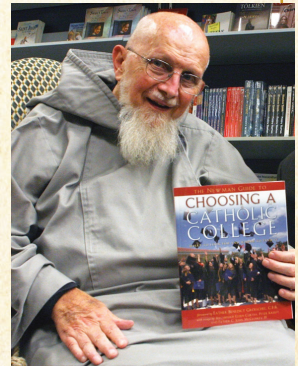
## EX CORDE ECCLESIAE

CNS is invited to advise the U.S. bishops' committee implementing *Ex corde Ecclesiae*. Despite strong opposition from many college leaders and theologians, the final rule for colleges (1999) and mandatum guidelines for theologians (2001) follow CNS recommendations.

2007

## THE NEWMAN GUIDE

With the aid of Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R., CNS releases the first edition of The Newman Guide in 2007 to celebrate faithful Catholic colleges and help families in the college search. The guide is instrumental to the survival and growth of many Newman Guide colleges. In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI receives The Newman Guide on the steps of Saint Peter's Basilica.



2007

## EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

For several years, CNS coordinates U.S. school and college exhibits of the "Eucharistic Miracles of the World," developed by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Our "Adoration U" video, encouraging students' devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, is featured on EWTN.

2008

## HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER

For several years starting in 2008, CNS sponsors the Center for the Advancement of Catholic Higher Education, promoting best practices to strengthen Catholic identity and hosting gatherings of Catholic college leaders. Today CNS continues many of the Center's initiatives and educator working groups.



2008

### POPE BENEDICT IN U.S.

CNS sparks a national conversation about the need for faithful Catholic education in advance of Pope Benedict XVI's powerful address to educators at The Catholic University of America in 2008. Two years later, CNS members pledge more than 1,000,000 prayers and Masses for the Holy Father.



2009

### OBAMA AT NOTRE DAME

Over the years, CNS opposes numerous scandals in Catholic colleges, including theological dissent, abortion and same-sex marriage advocacy, *The Vagina Monologues* performances, honors for vocal opponents of Catholic teaching, and more. In 2009, CNS gathers 367,000 signatures and the support of 83 bishops urging the University of Notre Dame not to honor pro-abortion President Barack Obama.



2011

### OBAMACARE MANDATE

In 2011, the Obama administration's federal contraceptive mandate sparks more than a decade of legal threats to Catholic education related to contraception, abortion, same-sex marriage, and gender ideology. CNS publicly advocates the rights of Catholic educators, files amicus briefs in key federal court cases, and helps educators defend against threats from the Obama and Biden administrations, an EEOC ruling demanding contraception coverage at Belmont Abbey College, a lawsuit fighting single-sex dorms at The Catholic University of America, the National Labor Relations Board's violations of religious freedom, and more.

2012

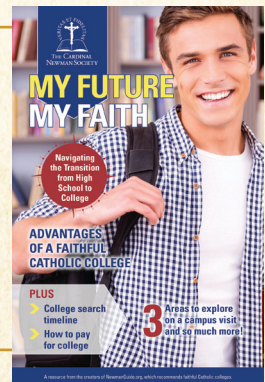
### CATHOLIC EDUCATION HONOR ROLL

CNS recognizes faithful Catholic schools on its Catholic Education Honor Roll and expands our mission to include Catholic education at all levels.

2012

### MY FUTURE, MY FAITH

CNS launches *My Future, My Faith* publication to help Catholic families navigate the path from high school to college and learn about Newman Guide institutions. More than 200,000 copies have been distributed to date.



2013

### CATHOLIC IS OUR CORE

In 2013, CNS launches the Catholic Is Our Core initiative to explain why the Common Core State Standards are incompatible with faithful Catholic education. CNS meets with 30 bishops and diocesan school leaders and exposes a \$100,000 grant from the Bill Gates Foundation to promote the Common Core in Catholic schools.



2014

### RECRUIT ME

With its online program "Recruit Me," CNS links high school students with Newman Guide colleges. A \$5,000 essay scholarship program is later added to help expose more students to faithful education.



2015

## TEACHER WITNESS

In 2015, CNS comes to the defense of Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco and his robust morality expectations for school teachers. CNS publishes recommended employment guidelines, leading to the Catholic Identity Standards Project to promote clear standards for all aspects of Catholic education.

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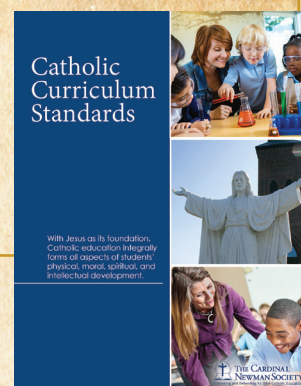
## VATICAN WORLD CONGRESS

On the 50th anniversary of *Gravissimum Educationis* and 25th anniversary of *Ex corde Ecclesiae* in 2015, CNS participates in the Vatican World Congress on Education.

2016

## CATHOLIC CURRICULUM STANDARDS

CNS develops and publishes Catholic Curriculum Standards to guide K-12 education and help dioceses shift away from secular state standards. By 2023, our Standards are used by at least 36 dioceses and 1,189 Catholic K-12 schools.



2017

## PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC IDENTITY

In 2017, after a thorough review of Vatican documents on Catholic education, CNS publishes its Principles of Catholic Identity in Education to guide all work of The Cardinal Newman Society.

Building upon this foundation, The Cardinal Newman Society has accomplished nearly as much in the last few years as in the last few decades. This includes:

- Catholic families nationwide rely on The Newman Guide for guidance in choosing faithful colleges, and we are reaching thousands more families with our videos, social media outreach, and college fairs. This year, the guide will expand to recognize schools and graduate programs.
- We are defending against threats to faithful Catholic education, including scandal and infidelity but also government attacks on religious freedom. And we are helping educators better protect their own institutions with well-constructed policies and faithful practices.

- Our standards and other guidance for Catholic educators have expanded greatly. We often pivot quickly to address immediate challenges, like critical race theory and gender ideology.
- Our Eucharistic Education Task Force is helping renew devotion to the Eucharist by the most effective means of evangelization: Catholic education.

God has truly blessed this work of promoting and defending faithful Catholic education. We ask His blessings on our continued work this year and for the next many decades—as long as it takes to ensure that every Catholic family has access to faithful education.

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## Join the Task Force for Eucharistic Education

A recent survey showed that nearly seven-in-ten Catholics believe that the bread and wine used at Mass are mere symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. However, the survey also found that most of those same Catholics do not know what the Catholic Church teaches regarding transubstantiation.

This is why The Cardinal Newman Society is launching the Task Force for Eucharistic Education—an initiative to help solicit, identify, and promote inspiring efforts by Catholic schools, homeschools, colleges, and individuals to help revive Eucharistic understanding and devotion.

We want you to participate! All you have to do is visit [www.eucharisticeducation.org](http://www.eucharisticeducation.org) and share the projects you or your school are engaging in, including academic conferences, research, publications, formative student programs, liturgies, prayer, videos, or any other ideas.

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