

# Dear Padre,

## Should we send our child to a Catholic school? Luckily, we can afford it. But what are the advantages?

In a Catholic school your child will be exposed to faith development and to religious, moral, and disciplinary values that some public schools can't impart. This is in addition to a high-quality general education. A 2019 study by the National Center for Education Statistics shows that the all-important math and reading assessments for Catholic school fourth- and eighth-graders surpassed those of their public school cohorts.

A well-run Catholic school can offer your child an educational experience and life formation based on the message, values, and principles of Jesus Christ. These are the preeminent reasons to choose a Catholic school. You want your child to hear the story of Jesus, to know and admire him, to grow up as one of his devoted friends and disciples.

Children need to see the message of Jesus lived out enthusiastically by their parents, teachers, and the adult faith community, of which the school is a part. Catholic schools will teach a value system clearly rooted in Jesus' gospel message. The children will discover that God's creation is good, to

be respected and cared for. The children will sense and appreciate their own intrinsic worth as human beings and the dignity of everyone. They will develop sensitivity to the poor and less fortunate. In short, children need the faith formation that a Catholic school offers.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*How nice it is to feel that our school, or the places where we gather, are a second home....School then ends up being one big family. A family where, together with our mothers and fathers, our grandparents, our teachers and friends, we learn to help one another, to share our good qualities, to give the best of ourselves.*

—OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS SCHOOL, HARLEM, NY,  
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## Calendar

### Monday

JULY 27

Weekday

Jer 13:1–11

Mt 13:31–35

### Tuesday

JULY 28

Weekday

Jer 14:17–22

Mt 13:36–43

### Wednesday

JULY 29

St. Martha

Jer 15:10, 16–21

Jn 11:19–27

or Lk 10:38–42

### Thursday

JULY 30

Weekday

Jer 18:1–6

Mt 13:47–53

### Friday

JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola,

Priest

Jer 26:1–9

Mt 13:54–58

### Saturday

AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori,

Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

Jer 26:11–16, 24

Mt 14:1–12

### Sunday

AUGUST 2

Eighteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 55:1–3

Rom 8:35, 37–39

Mt 14:13–21