

CATHOLIC SCHOOL: TAKE ANOTHER LOOK

Studies show that Catholic schools are successful because of their time-tested, nurturing community.

A 1990 RAND study included Catholic schools in a category called “Focus Schools.” These Focus Schools showed much greater success with students because of three important elements:

- **Clear mission and distinct culture** – not simply chance aggregations of individuals;
- **Special identity** – which inspired a sense of loyalty and common commitment from staff, students, and parents;
- Committed to the **development of the whole student** – communicating values and developing attitudes in addition to transmitting facts and imparting skills.

Source: *RAND Corporation* (Hill, Foster, Gendler, 1990)



The Archdiocese of Denver’s Catholic Schools are an investment in the future of our children and our Catholic faith.