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**The Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Phoenix  
Catholic Schools Office Policies and Procedures**

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Policy 3-1 Catholic Schools; APPENDICES

**Appendix B.1**

**GUIDELINES TO EMPHASIZE CATHOLIC IDENTITY IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Relevant Statement of Archbishop Chaput Page 194 *Render Unto Caesar*:

*The Catholic Church exists to make Jesus Christ known; to bring the will of men and women into alignment with God's will through a relationship with Jesus Christ the Son of God. The Church has a vital role in building peace and reconciliation, promoting justice, and defending creation. She does that by proclaiming the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27) and by making saints.*

Relevant Statement of Bishop Olmsted Page 194 *Catholics in the Public Square*:

*There are several issues that are "not negotiable" for Catholics...Among these: The protection of the rights of parents to educate their children.*

1. Celebration of the Eucharist by the student body, faculty, and staff at least once weekly.
2. Opportunity to adore the Blessed Sacrament by the student body, faculty, and staff at least once monthly.
3. A priestly presence on the school campus at least once weekly.
4. Sacred signs and objects which would include a crucifix and an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary would be prominently displayed in every classroom, common room meeting space, and in the entranceway of the school.
5. Sacramentals would include opening and closing every class session with brief prayer and grace before meals.
6. Reconciliation by the student body, faculty, and staff at least once every Lent and Advent.
7. Each school's mission statement should recognize the role of parents as the primary educators of their children.
8. Service opportunities should be made available at each grade level for every student.
9. The liturgical seasons and special occasions in the life of the Church should be recognized and students should participate including Respect Life, May devotions and crowning of the Blessed Virgin, Vocation Awareness, and Catholic Schools Week.
10. Age appropriate spiritual retreat opportunities should be available to students annually.