A Comprehensive Approach to Character Building in Catholic Schools

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Abstract
The overall goal of Catholic education is to help students achieve a transformation in Christ. Integral to this transformation is development of the natural moral virtues and spiritual/supernatural virtues. Schools need to implement a comprehensive character-building program which focuses on twelve components, such as caring classroom communities, prayer, and moral discipline.

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A Comprehensive Approach will, rather, be a flexible amalgam of different approaches – a way of thinking or a method, rather than a mechanical process. The fifth chapter brings forward a number of challenges and possibilities that the whole concept of Comprehensive Approach produces in the research community and among the actors involved in crisis management. The aim is not to build new structures and hierarchies, but to achieve better outcomes and to resolve a crisis in a sustainable way. This report is based on the Comprehensive Approach to Crisis Prevention and Manage-ment Seminar (CAS) held on 17 June 2008 in Helsinki, Finland, and on the research which was conducted to support it.

Award-winning K-8 Catholic school (see handout). An example of a comprehensive character-building approach. Component #12. Parents as partners. “Building Catholic Character: 5 Things Parents Can Do” (handout). Communicate to Parents. “Parents are the first and most important character educators.” The school’s job is to reinforce the character virtues being taught at home. This is a very important relationship that can be strengthened by a good and frequent communication between home and school. Popular strategies include setting and maintaining discipline standards, communicating with students on a regular basis, and working closely with parents to ensure a consistent approach to education. Contact the school to discuss how you can help your child succeed in Catholic education. The more communication you have with the school, the better we can work together to create a safe and healthy environment. You can also contact the school to discuss other ways you can help your child succeed in Catholic education. You can also contact the school to discuss other ways you can help your child succeed in Catholic education.

Recommend a Strategy
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