A Comprehensive Approach to Character Building in Catholic Schools

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Abstract
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Schools foster leadership values. Schools engage parents and other members of the community as partners in character building efforts. Schools regularly assess their culture, their staff and their overall success at fostering character development. As you can see from this list, character education involves a comprehensive approach that includes a robust academic curriculum, a dedicated staff, and a partnership with parents and the wider community. This is a more challenging approach to education than one that focuses primarily on academics.

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