

*National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective*

*Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools*

**Rubrics for Benchmarks**

**Standard 1: An excellent Catholic school is guided and driven by a clearly communicated mission that embraces a Catholic Identity rooted in Gospel values, centered on the Eucharist, and committed to faith formation, academic excellence and service.**

**Benchmark: 1.4**

The mission statement is visible in public places and contained in official documents.

Level 4 Exceeds Benchmark	The mission statement is highly visible throughout the school, appearing in every classroom as well as on written and electronic communications and on the school website, apps, and school social media sites. All constituents can easily and quickly access a visible copy of the mission statement.
Level 3 Fully Meets Benchmark	The mission statement is visible in public places and contained in official documents.
Level 2 Partially Meets Benchmark	The mission statement is only displayed in a few public places and a few official documents.
Level 1 Does Not Meet Benchmark	The mission statement is not visible in public places or on official documents.
Possible Sources of Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Official stationary and electronic signatures of the leader/leadership team contain the mission statement</li><li>• The mission statement is posted in the front office and in classrooms.</li><li>• Event programs display the mission statement</li><li>• All media in use and all web related documents display the mission statement</li></ul>