

*National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective*

*Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools*

**Rubrics for Benchmarks**

**Standard 2: An excellent Catholic school adhering to mission provides a rigorous academic program for religious studies and catechesis in the Catholic faith, set within a total academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture, and life.**

**Benchmark: 2.7**

The theory and practice of the Church’s social teachings are essential elements of the curriculum.

Level 4 Exceeds Benchmark	The theory and practice of the Church’s social teachings are essential elements of the curriculum in multiple subject areas including religious education. Students are involved in forms of service that are intentionally designed and informed by the Church’s social teaching. Students receive planned instruction multiple times in their programs of study and are involved in service learning.
Level 3 Fully Meets Benchmark	The theory and practice of the Church’s social teachings are essential elements of the curriculum. Every student receives planned instruction in the Church’s social teaching.
Level 2 Partially Meets Benchmark	The theory and practice of the Church’s social teachings are minimally present in the curriculum. Students may be exposed to the Church’s social teaching but there is not a clear plan of instruction.
Level 1 Does Not Meet Benchmark	The theory and practice of the Church’s social teachings are not found in the curriculum.
Possible Sources of Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Curriculum guides aligned to Church’s social teaching</li><li>• Graded courses of study</li><li>• Service learning projects aligned to Church’s social teaching</li><li>• Assessments tied to the Church’s social teaching</li><li>• School wide plan for instruction in the Church’s social teaching</li><li>• USCCB document...Seven Pillars for Catholic social justice teaching, look at USCCB website 1999 sharing Catholic social teaching challenges and directions <a href="http://old.usccb.org/sdwp/projects/socialteaching/excerpt.shtml">http://old.usccb.org/sdwp/projects/socialteaching/excerpt.shtml</a></li><li>• Lesson plan activities aligned to Church’s social teaching</li></ul>