

## HOW CAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS EQUIP YOUNG PEOPLE WITH COMPETENCES AND MOTIVATION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING?

It is thought the Catholic schools, especially in our country, give students a lot more than state schools. Those can only fill the students with some knowledge and a lot of information but the Catholic ones can give us, besides that, some values, competences and motivation for lifelong learning. But the truth is that maybe it's not always like that. My opinion is that almost all teachers in our school are very professional and they give us motivation and they teach us a lot too. There are also a lot of excursions and spiritual retreats so that students can know each other better and have fun. I like the concerts and other cultural events which are not rare at our school. Those are the things that will stay in our memory for a long time. But according to the competences and motivation for lifelong learning, schools are more »friendly« with the students with very good or excellent marks. Those are the most creative and they can remember a lot of things. They are satisfied with the school and the teachers, which is very important for their relation, with the school and studying. But students with bad marks can feel much neglected and consequently they start to hate the school and teachers. They stop studying and attending classes, which leads to another bad mark and so on. Maybe the schools should put stress on those who have difficulties in studying. That would be more important than teaching the details or a higher level of the exams. If they did that there would be more students satisfied with the school and teachers and they would have a motivation for studying. Their knowledge would be permanent which is the point of so many years of studying.

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