

How can Catholic schools equip young people with competences and motivation for lifelong learning?

Four years ago I decided to continue my schooling at Diocesan Classical Gymnasium (DCG). My decision was supported by my parents who still think that this decision proved to be very beneficial. With my example I will represent how Catholic schools could equip young people for lifelong learning.

Firstly, Catholic schools are based on religion and a Catholic way of life. We are taught how to become the kind of person, who will be respected by people and who will gradually help to make a better society. They teach us to respect all human nations, all religions, all races. They teach us, that we are not better than other human beings. That we are all God's children. Perhaps one of us will become a politician. Can you imagine a person, who was inspired by God's word, as a world leader? I think that there would be no war, no terrorism, no discrimination, no corruption. Of course, the world would not change only because of one person, but this person would inspire others and so, step by step, we would become better.

DCG taught me, that being educated in gymnasium is an important factor for further life wisdom. In gymnasium you form your personality. In DSG they do not teach just maths, Slovene, English, physics, chemistry, etc. They teach us about the importance of lifelong learning, by keeping our mind and body active and by building dignity of soul, kindness, honesty, bravery, self-respect and respect of others, persistence, faith, etc.

But it is not just the way they teach us. It is important who teaches us. It would not be half as successful if we were taught by someone, who does not live the way he or she teaches. I still believe that following the teacher's example leads us. Because if she or he was a vain person, we would not follow her/his rules. Why should we? It sure does not work then.

These are a few thoughts from my point of view. Perhaps I did not feel that way four or three years ago, but results come after a few years.

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