

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

Many people think that there are big differences among Catholic and state schools and, in a sense, they are right. At least when talking about lifelong learning. I think that Catholic schools usually produce more people willing to study for their whole life than other schools do.

The reason might be in their basic perception: they teach and raise students in a way, that God shows himself in every single thing in this world. Everything we got, especially our ability of thinking and understanding things, come from our God. So we have to be thankful for that and try to use our chances as much as possible.

Studying languages, nature, and school subjects like Chemistry, Mathematics and others show us the logic of the world and through that we may perceive our Creator. With every new discovery in science we see the complexness of our being and existence of everything. At this point one question occurs to us: is it possible, that everything exists just by chance?

Many Catholics believe not, but only few of them try to show that to the public – and for them the existence of the God might be the motivation for a lifelong learning. For the others that might be the will to be best everywhere and for another, the skills the school awoke in him/her.

The Catholic schools usually offer high and qualitative education, not forgetting about people as human beings. They encourage their pupils to be friendly, to live with and for others and to be aware of importance of the people near you.

So I believe that Catholic schools can offer some skills other schools can not and we should not forget that. It is a type of blessing to which we should give more attention.

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