

**Supplementary Quotations
for
The Educational Vision and Principles of
the Sisters of Notre Dame**

Church Resources:

“...We are only instruments in the Lord’s hands; and this knowledge frees us from the presumption of thinking that we alone are personally responsible for building a better world... To do all we can with what strength we have, however, is the task which keeps the good servant of Jesus Christ always at work: ‘The love of Christ urges us on’ (2 Cor 5:14).”

Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, #35, December 25, 2005

“Education is integral to the mission of the Church to proclaim the Good News. First and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth... Those who meet him are drawn by the very power of the Gospel to lead a new life characterized by all that is beautiful, good and true....” (cf. *Spe Salvi*, 4)

Pope Benedict XVI, *Address to Educators*, April 17, 2008 Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

“...The soul of education, as also the entirety of life, can only be a trustworthy hope...It is always a hope for others: it does not isolate us but puts us in solidarity with the good, it stimulates us to reciprocally educate each other in truth and in love.”

Pope Benedict XVI, *Letter on Education*, Jan. 21, 2008

“Possessed by charity both towards each other and towards their pupils, and inspired an apostolic spirit, they (teachers) should bear testimony by their lives and their teaching to the one Teacher, who is Christ. They should therefore be prepared for their work with special care, having the appropriate qualifications and adequate learning both religious and secular. They should also be skilled in the art of education in accordance with the discoveries of modern times.”

Declaration on Christian Education, Vatican II, Gravissimum Educationis, #8 October 28, 1965

“The professional formation of the educator implies a vast range of cultural, psychological and pedagogical skills.”
Congregation for Catholic Education, *Educating Together in Catholic Schools*, #21, Rome, September 8, 2007

“The educator is required to constantly update the contents of the subjects he/she teaches and the pedagogical methods he/she uses.”

Congregation for Catholic Education, *Educating Together in Catholic Schools*, # 23, Rome, September 8, 2007

“The synthesis between faith, culture and life that educators of the Catholic school are called to achieve is, in fact, reached by integrating all the different aspects of human knowledge through the subjects taught, in light of the Gospel.”

Congregation for Catholic Education, *Educating Together in Catholic Schools*, # 24, Rome, September 8, 2007

“...The authenticity of each human culture, the soundness of its underlying ethos, and hence the validity of its moral bearings, can be measured to an extent by its commitment to the human cause and by its capacity to promote human dignity at every level and in every circumstance.” Congregation for Catholic Education, *Consecrated Persons and their Mission in Schools*, November 20, 2002.

Congregational Resources:

“In love, God has called all persons to community, inviting us to share in the mystery of the Trinitarian union. This love, poured into our hearts, by the Holy Spirit, unites us with Jesus Christ and with one another.”
Constitutions #53

“Come, we must have courage in the century we live in. Great souls are needed, souls that have the interests of the greater glory of God at heart.”
St. Julie Billiart, *Letter 35*

“Our call to discipleship and our passion for Christ compel us to share our God-experiences, our talents and gifts to enhance the dignity and fullness of life in others, especially those who are most marginalized.”
Sister Mary Sujita Kallapurakkathu, SND, *International Education Conference*, January, 2007 Brazil

“To live in the faith of the Son of God means to believe steadfastly and firmly everything that the Son of God, our Savior, has taught; and to direct our whole life according to his teaching and example, which everyone who wishes to arrive at eternal happiness must do.”
Bernard Overberg, *Catechism, Part III, #243*

“God is the source, the cause of continued existence and the essence of all goodness and beauty.”
Bernard Overberg, *Catechism of Christian Catholic Teaching for the Use of Older Students, #133*

“When a child has received a good education and is walking the way of virtue, he will be able to endure great hardships and trials because he loves God and for him all things work out for the best.”
Bernard Overberg, *Well-directed Principles and Directives for Teachers Instructing School Children*, Münster 1797 (English Translation), p. 3

“One can easily see now that one well-trained and disciplined child can influence thousands and thousands of people through many generations and centuries. And who, besides the parents, laid the foundation to all this good? It is the teacher....”
Bernard Overberg, *Well-directed Principles and Directives for Teachers Instructing School Children*, Münster 1797 (English Translation), p. 12

Referring to Bernard Overberg:

“Experimentation must usually prove which is better, but experimentation rightly carried out and often repeated.’ These words came from the pen of a teacher of teachers, a master whose deepest interest was in the art of teaching even more than in the content. His desire was that the old and eternal truths be presented in a manner most adapted to the time and to the children. And that was the great endeavor of Sister Mary Bernarda.”
Sister Mary Amabilis, S.N.D., *The Biography of Sister Mary Bernarda, S.N.D. (The Teacher of Teachers)*, 1950