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Advantages and Reasons for becoming a CRS/SND Global High School

Heads of Schools:

There are notable advantages and significant reasons to join this exciting initiative. Some benefits include:

- Combining the resources, vision, creativity, and global reach of CRS with the richness, depth and relevance of the SND charism and educational vision and principles.
- Using unified resources to enhance the academic and experiential learning opportunities extended to our students, faculties and staffs.
- Being able to put your school's mission statement into action with practical activities that bring real-world learning to life.
- Connecting the principles of Catholic Social Teaching with a sense of global citizenship.
- Helping faculty and staff support student growth and development as they navigate and explore a world in need of their gifts, talents, vision, and solidarity.
- Bringing the SND mission and charism to life in linking with other schools, students, and people around the globe.
- Serving as a model and resource to other Catholic schools in your region by becoming a CRS Global High School.
- Enhancing the Catholic identity of your school.

Teachers:

- Participation in this initiative is a great way to develop higher order skills, problem solving, and learning in your students by fostering:
 - Creativity – thinking outside the box and in innovative ways.
 - Collaboration – working with others across grade levels, schools and countries.
 - Communication – understanding and communicating ideas, sharing cultures, learning through dialogue and encounter.
 - Critical Thinking – solving problems and discovering new connections and patterns while stretching students' current global perspectives.
- Global High School curriculum integration and real-world applications and encounters will energize your classroom and deepen student learning and engagement.
- You will have access to a wide range of already developed and tested curriculum materials and interdisciplinary lesson plans that enrich and deepen your current course content.



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Students:

- As a student, participation in the Global High School will allow you to be part of something much larger than yourself. You will learn about people, places, realities and needs that can open your eyes and deepen your perspectives.
- You will be able to gain important leadership experience while developing and broadening a world view that is based on the deeper values of the gospel and the call to understand that we are one human family.
- You will become a global citizen aware of happenings in the world; engaged in global issues; and part of the solution. These types of experiences are valued by colleges, universities and employers and can help you excel post high school.
- You will deepen your faith and foster hope-filled action beyond the Theology / Religion classroom that can lead to a lifetime of involvement in issues that matter.

Boards, Parent Groups, Alumni, and other Stakeholders:

Working with the administration, faculty, and staff, the Global High School (GHS) initiative allows many opportunities for you to take on a leadership role implementing this program. You will reap many benefits as you deepen your faith alongside the students. Types of leadership opportunities include:

- Implementing a GHS Core program. The tools and materials are provided for free from Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Core programs include:
 - Rice Bowl (Raise awareness during the Lenten season around world hunger issues and collect funds to support global missions)
 - SND International Twinning Program (Lead the charge connecting students with peers from SND schools around the globe)
 - Food Fast (Lead a fast from food to teach students about world hunger)
 - CRS Fair Trade (Plan a Fair Trade craft fair)
 - Advocacy (Initiate a letter writing campaign to legislators to give a voice to the poor and voiceless)
 - Global Emergency Response (Lead the community in prayer for those affected by global emergencies or fundraise to help alleviate the stress for those in need)
- Creating a school-wide event to support global solidarity. Be creative! Put your talents and interests to work while supporting the greater good. Some ideas include: Eucharistic Adoration, Prayer Services/Rosary with SND International Twinning partners, Inter-Faith Assembly, Global Mass, Themed School-Wide Projects (common read, speakers, advocacy campaigns, fundraisers...).