



# Suggestions for Diocesan Celebrations of Catholic Schools Week

Many dioceses already celebrate Catholic Schools Week in a variety of different ways. The following are some suggestions for highlighting Catholic Schools Week in your diocese in 2014:

## **Diocesan Liturgical Celebration**

This can be a Mass or Prayer Service to which representatives of school communities are invited. In some dioceses, a gift that supports the Catholic identity is presented to the school communities in attendance on behalf of the diocese; candles, bibles, a framed picture of Pope Francis, an image of the diocesan patron, or a copy of the diocesan prayer are some of the gifts that might be used.

## **Celebration of the Ministry of Teachers in the Catholic School**

There is a template for such a service on [www.catholicschools.ie](http://www.catholicschools.ie). This might be done at diocesan or deanery/cluster level depending on numbers.

## **Gathering of Chairpersons, Members of Boards of Management and Principals**

Catholic Schools Week provides an opportunity to gather these key people in Catholic education and offer some appreciation for the work they do. The event can also provide an opportunity for ongoing formation by inviting someone to speak on a current issue in education.

## **Schools Project**

Consider a project or initiative to encourage schools to participate in Catholic Schools Week.

## **Local Radio**

Religious programmes on local radio might be asked to include a discussion on Catholic Schools Week in their schedule.