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Defining Characteristics of Catholic Schools

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2. Contributing to the Evangelizing Mission of the Church.
3. Distinguished by Excellence.
4. Catholic Schools exist for the purpose of forming disciples.
5. Catholic Schools are operated by religious institutes, religious congregations-sponsors, and lay sponsors.
6. Catholic Schools are free and voluntary institutions.
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