

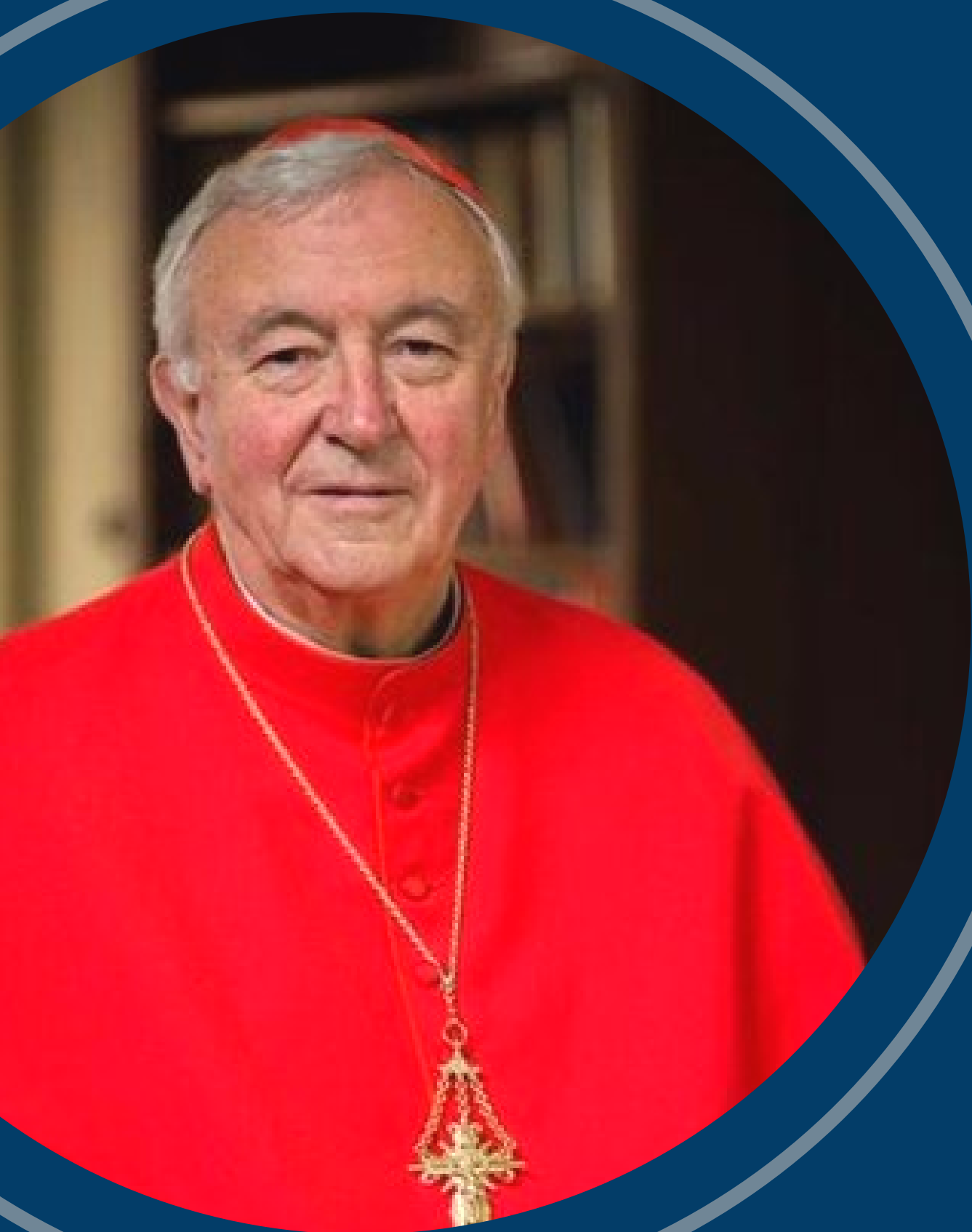
St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School



Choosing to work in a Catholic School

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"Our educational mission entails the ongoing development of the entire potential of every person. It seeks to promote the well-being and freedom of every person, made in the image and likeness of God and finding fulfilment in God alone. This is the vision which shapes the daily life of a Catholic school as a community in which faith is expressed and shared through every aspect of its activity. Through the pattern of daily prayer, through the celebration of the sacraments of the Church, through works of charity, through a striving for justice in all it does, a Catholic school seeks to be a catechetical community in which the content and the life of faith is shared. We recognise that in a Catholic school the witness of its life is, for some, a first announcing of the Gospel, or even preparation for that announcement. In these ways, the meaning of life, as understood in the Catholic faith, is explored and experienced by all those taking part in the life of the school, whether they are baptised Catholics or not, practising their faith in their own parish or not."

+Vincent Cardinal Nichols
Archbishop Emeritus of Westminster

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Learning

As a Catholic school, we give our pupils rich and varied ways of exploring the world God has created and peopled.

Pupils learn that God has given us this planet and its resources for our good and that we are to use it responsibly. Catholic schools propose that God is be found in all things and therefore all things are worthy of our interest and study. The Catholic school is a place where a spirit of enquiry and the intellectual life flourish. Catholic schools propose that belief in God is compatible with rationality. Catholic schools draw upon and pass on to their pupils the long and rich tradition of Christian learning and creativity.

Pastoral Care

As a Catholic school, we promote the emotional and spiritual growth of our pupils.

Teachers in Catholic schools build strong and appropriate relationships with pupils that go beyond teaching: they take an interest in their development, they listen to their cares and concerns about the meaning of life, they share their hopes and fears, their successes and failures, and accompany them through their childhood and teenage years.

Catholic schools ensure well-judged intervention in children's lives to provide appropriate professional support and challenge. Forgiveness is a hallmark of the way Catholic schools deal with pupils. Catholic schools provide a stable and welcoming community to which children can belong. Catholic schools recognise and celebrate the varied successes and achievements of pupils.

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Religious Life

As a Catholic school, we are a school of prayer.

Catholic schools encourage religious devotion in simple and regular practices. Catholic schools celebrate the liturgy of the Church following the seasons and feast days of the Church's year. Catholic schools teach about justice, act justly and seek to promote the common good. Catholic schools reach out to suffering and marginalised individuals and communities, locally and globally. Catholic schools are open and welcoming to people of other faiths and of no faith. In the Catholic school, the practice of the Christian faith is not separate from the rest of daily life. Catholic schools have chaplaincies which promote the Christian life and Catholic identity of the school

Personal Development

As a Catholic school, we seek to develop the God-given gifts and talents of all members of our school community.

Catholic schools seek to form attitudes and values in their pupils which are based on the gospel teaching and actions of Jesus Christ. Catholic schools lay foundations for life-long learning. Catholic schools seek to foster in their pupils an attitude of altruism and generosity. Catholic schools provide a range of extra-curricular activities which promote the physical, creative, spiritual, and intellectual development of pupils. Catholic schools encourage pupils to adopt a way of looking at the world which is positive and engaged, and which seeks to change the world for the better. Catholic schools encourage pupils to explore their vocation in life.