

Global Catholic Education Year in Review 2022



Sharing Knowledge about Education and Integral Human Development



Global Catholic Education Year in Review 2022

Abstract

Global Catholic Education is a small volunteer-led project to contribute to Catholic education and integral human development. The project and website were launched at the end of November 2020. This report highlights activities implemented under the project in 2022 in four areas: (1) Building knowledge; (2) Serving the community; (3) Promoting dialogue; and (4) Sharing ideas. Annexes provide executive summaries of global reports on Catholic education and on integral human development.

Copyright

© Quentin Wodon, October 2022.

Cover photo: © Campañas de Buen Trato en las escuelas. The Good Treatment Campaigns in schools is a program from Mesa BICE Centroamérica which received funding from the Bureau International Catholique de l'Enfance (BICE).

Mission and Partners

Global Catholic Education informs and connects Catholic educators and those interested in integral human development globally. The project provides them with data, analysis, opportunities to learn, and other resources to help them fulfill their mission with a particular focus on the preferential option for the poor.

The Global Catholic Education volunteer team works with a range of partners, including the four organizations federating Catholic education globally: the International Office of Catholic Education (OIEC) for pre-primary, primary, and secondary education, the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) for higher education, the World Organization of Former Students of Catholic Education (OMAEC) for Catholic education alumni, and the World Union of Catholic Teachers (UMEC-WUCT) for Catholic teachers.

For more information, go to www.GlobalCatholicEducation.org.

This report was prepared by the author in a personal capacity, not as part of his employment with an international development organization. The views expressed in the report need not represent the views of the author's employer, its Executive Directors, or the countries they represent. For queries, please write to GlobalCatholicEducation@gmail.com.



Our team is entirely made of volunteers who work pro bono. Interested in contributing or helping out? Contact us at globalcatoliceducation@gmail.com.

2022 Highlights

Areas of Focus



1. Building knowledge



2. Serving the community



3. Promoting dialogue



4. Sharing ideas & data

1. Building Knowledge

Global Reports

Global reports bring knowledge to Catholic schools, universities, and other organizations by sharing good practices emerging from international experience. They also bring to the attention of the international community the work of Catholic schools, universities, and other organizations promoting integral human development. All reports can be downloaded on our website.

The Global Catholic Education Report 2023 has already been published ahead of OIEC's World Congress and is also available on our website.

Global Catholic Education Report 2022



Ending Violence in Schools: An Imperative for Children's Learning and Well-being September 2022



Global Report on Integral Human Development 2022



Measuring the Contributions of Catholic and Other Faith-based Organizations to Education, Healthcare, and Social Protection January 2022



IHD Short Videos

Global Catholic Education started a short video series on YouTube to summarize findings from selected global reports.

IHD (Integral Human Development) Shorts

The Global Catholic Education Report 2021: Education Pluralism, Learning Poverty, and the Right to Education

Quentin Wodon March 21, 2021

Global Catholic Education Report 2021



Education Pluralism, Learning Poverty, and the Right to Education



1. Building Knowledge

Journal Symposia, Notes, & Other Studies

Apart from individual articles in peer-reviewed journals, the Global Catholic Education team organizes special issues/symposia and contributes two-part articles on various themes. It also publishes a series of notes and other studies.

Selected Journal Symposia & Two-part Articles in 2022

Special issue of Journal of Global Catholicism on lived experiences in Catholic education.



Journal of
GLOBAL CATHOLICISM

Focus section of Journal of Catholic Education on beyond academics and faith formation.



Two-part article in Religions on Catholic higher education.



religions

Selected Other Studies in 2022

Global Catholic Education publishes Knowledge Notes and other studies in open access. We accept submissions in English, French, and Spanish. Knowledge Notes and other studies can be downloaded on our website.

Catholic Education Alumni Giving Back Series



Men and Women for Others: How Jesuit Education Alumni Can Contribute to Social Justice

Edited by Quentin Wodon July 2022



Enrollment in Catholic Pre-primary to Secondary Schools: Global Trends and Country Profiles, 1975-2020



Quentin Wodon
August 2022



Interested in submitting your research? Contact us at globalcatholiceducation@gmail.com. We also maintain on our website a list of research journals that may be useful.

2. Serving the Community

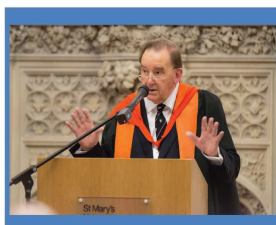
Interview series



Interviews are a great way to share experiences in an accessible and personal way. Close to 130 interviews have been conducted so far with practitioners working in Catholic education or integral human development. When multiple interviews have been completed on a topic, they are combined into an edited volume.

Compilations of interviews published in 2022
(All interviews are available on our website)

Research in Service of Catholic Education Practice



Interviews in Honor of Professor Gerald Grace
Edited by Quentin Woodon, February 2022



World Catholic Education Day 2022



Responding to the Call from Pope Francis:
Seven Commitments for a Global Compact on Education



Science, Philosophy, and Theology in Dialogue



Interviews with Expanded Reason Awards Recipients
Edited by Quentin Woodon, April 2022




If you know somebody who should be interviewed, contact us at globalcatholiceducation@gmail.com. We are especially interested in practitioners experimenting with new approaches.

2. Serving the Community


Educatio Si Bulletin & Other Services

The Global Catholic Education team helps produce the Educatio Si Bulletin for OIEC every quarter.

Through OIEC, the Global Catholic Education team contributes to the G.R.A.C.E. research collaborative.

Educatio Si Bulletin 

Issue 13, Summer 2022


SCIENCE, PHILOSOPHY, AND THEOLOGY IN DIALOGUE 

Edited by Philippe Richard and Quentin Wodon
Summer 2022

Introduction: Research on Catholic education - Introduction : Recherche sur l'éducation catholique - Introducción: Investigación sobre la educación católica
Meeting of Pope Francis with G.R.A.C.E. delegation - Rencontre du Pape François avec la délégation de G.R.A.C.E. - Encuentro del Papa Francisco con la delegación de G.R.A.C.E.
Address of Pope Francis to the G.R.A.C.E. delegation, April 20, 2022
Calls for Papers - Appels à soumissions d'articles - Convocatorias de trabajos
A Dialogue between Science, Philosophy, and Theology: 14 Interviews
Max Borillo, Universidad Francisco de Victoria, James Arthur, University of Birmingham, Marta Bertolaso, University of Rome, Father Javier Sánchez Collares, University of Navarra, John C. Cavadi, University of Notre Dame, Robert Enright, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Juan F. Frankl, Universidad Austral, Gonzalo Génora and María del Rosario González, both at universities in Madrid, Theresa Luskagi, Loyola University Chicago, Jay Martin, University of Notre Dame, Darcia Narvaez, University of Notre Dame, William Simpson, University of Cambridge, John Slattery, AAAS, and Claudia Vanney, Universidad Austral.

EXPANDED REASON AWARDS

In collaboration with - Avec la collaboration de - En colaboración con



Global Researchers Advancing Catholic Education (G.R.A.C.E.)



A Research Collaborative & Community of Practice in Service of Catholic Schools



Celebrating World Catholic Education Day 2022
May 26, 2022 (Ascension, 40 days after Easter)



Responding to Pope Francis' Call for a Global Compact on Education



For World Catholic Education Day, the Global Catholic Education team designed a brochure for OIEC and other organizations co-sponsoring the Day. The brochure is available in English, French, and Spanish.



The topics pages on the Global Catholic Education website provide resources for the community. To suggest additions, contact us at globalcatholiceducation@gmail.com.

3. Promoting Dialogue

Webinars & Other Events

To promote dialogue, the Global Catholic Education team organizes webinars and events. It also contributes presentations to a variety of other events.

Selected Webinars and Presentations

Sisters of Notre Dame
Education Conference



OIEC World
Congress



Salesian Sisters' 150th
Anniversary Congress



Salesian
Sisters

OMAEC webinar on the
global compact



Webinar series with the G.R.A.C.E.
research collaborative

G.R.A.C.E. Lecture Series
Global Researchers Advancing Catholic Education

The Global Researchers for Catholic Education (GRACE) is providing the following free virtual lecture series to Catholic Schools in Africa. Classroom practitioners and school leaders are encouraged to enroll!

STUDENT LEARNING AND PEDAGOGY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
9 - 10:30 A.M. EST / 4 - 5:30 P.M. GMT

<p>Lessons from International Evidence on What Improves Learning in Low and Middle Income Countries by Dr. Quentin Wodon <i>Based on a recent assessment at the World Bank and other reviews, this presentation will share insights on what works to improve educational attainment and achievements in low and middle income countries, and especially in Africa.</i></p> <p>Language and Literacy Education: Lessons Learned from an International Partnership in Haiti by Dr. Anasthasie Liberiste-Osirus and Dr. TJ D'Agostino <i>The research presented in this session shares how a scripted, mother tongue literacy curriculum, created by Haitian and international educators with support from USAID in collaboration with the Haitian Ministry of Education, improved reading outcomes for first and second grade students. This session will share findings from a scripted literacy programs by Dr. D'Agostino and differentiated and remedial instruction by Dr. Liberiste-Osirus. This research developed and added enrichment materials to the school-based program; classroom libraries with culturally relevant, mother-tongue books; summer reading camps led by the school community; and additional tutoring for the lowest-performing students.</i></p> <p>Discussant: John Mugo, Executive Director of Zizi Afrique</p>	<p>SCHOOL CLIMATE OCTOBER 19, 2021 9 - 10:30 A.M. EST / 4 - 5:30 P.M. GMT</p> <p>Building Peaceful Schools- One Catholic School at a Time by Dr. Anne Baker</p> <p>Social-Emotional Learning: The Call to Attend to the Holistic Needs of Our Catholic Students by Dr. Molly McMahon and Fr. Gilbert Ezeagwu</p> <p>Empowering Catholic Schools in Africa by Dr. John Lydon</p>
<p>LEADERSHIP FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FEBRUARY 8, 2022 9 - 10:30 A.M. EST / 4 - 5:30 P.M. GMT</p> <p>Preparing New Leaders in our Catholic Schools: Passing on the charism leadership baton to Lay School Principals in Zambia Josephine Sharmwana-Lunga</p> <p>Effective Tools for Change Management for Catholic School Leaders by Dr. John Reyes and Dr. Melodie Wyttenbach</p> <p>Leading School Ethos Transformation in Kenya Dr. Augusta Muthigani and Angela Mitchell</p>	<p>EDUCATION MIC UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">CLICK HERE TO REGISTER</p>



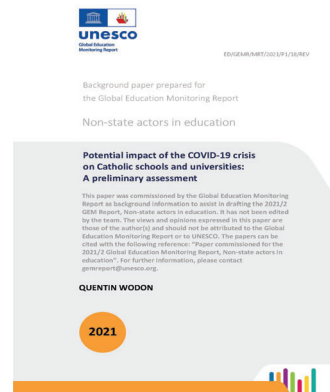
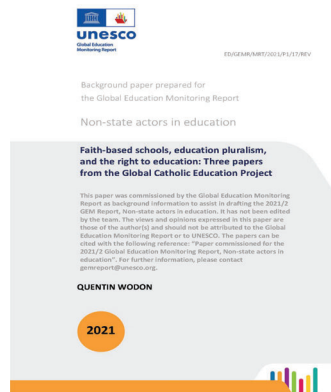
If you would like us to share insights from our work at your event, contact us at globalcatholiceducation@gmail.com. If we are available and able to contribute, we will gladly do so.

3. Promoting Dialogue



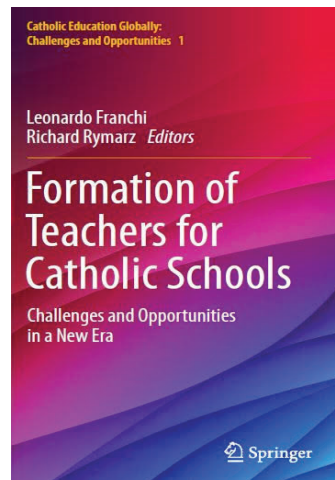
Within the context of efforts to achieve SDG4, the Global Catholic Education team conducts research aiming to inform work of education and integral human development.

Background Papers for UNESCO's 2021/2 Global Education Monitoring Report on the Role of Non-state Actors



New Book Series

The Global Catholic Education team helped launch a new book series with Springer on "Catholic Education Globally: Challenges and Opportunities." The first book in the series on teacher formation has been published.



UNESCO's next Global Education Monitoring Report in 2023 will be on technology and education. Let us know about your experiences. Contact us at globalcatholiceducation@gmail.com.

4. Sharing Ideas & Data

Website & Blog

Award-winning Website & Dissemination



The Global Catholic Education project received three awards from the Catholic Media Association in 2022: Catholic Book Awards, Best book e-edition (1st place); Catholic Press Awards, Best external e-newsletter (Honorable mention); and Catholic Press Awards, Best package for political issues (2nd place). Previously, in 2021, the Global Catholic Education project received an award for best new website (2nd place).

Blog: Weekly Tidbits in Three Languages

Global Catholic Education's blog features short weekly tidbits (Tuesday information and dissemination bits) in English, French, and Spanish, with links to go deeper. Examples are provided below.

Best of UNICEF Research • Non-state actors in education: Report from UNESCO • New World Bank-UNESCO-UNICEF report on the education crisis • Inside the Vatican: The Congregation for Catholic Education • Reimagining our futures together: A new social contract for education • Ending violence in schools • Catholic Identity of Schools • COP 26 Climate Change Conference and Pope Francis' Message • Four Knowledge Notes on the Transformation of Higher Education • Pope Francis and Religious Leaders on the Global Compact on Education • Steering Tertiary Education: A New World Bank Report • Build Forward Better: A New Report from Save the Children • Protecting Education in Afghanistan, especially for girls • Engaging Catholic Higher Education Alumni • Education Blogs with a Global Perspective • Values, Economics, and Catholic Social Thought • UNESCO Survey on COVID-19 and Tertiary Education • Catholic Education in Africa and the Middle East • Journal of Catholic Education Publishes Contributions from OIEC's Congress • Free Online Training and Learning: The Open Learning Campus • Education for Refugees • Lessons Learned During the Pandemic • Education for Sustainable Development: Resources from UNESCO • Celebrating Educators • UNESCO's Futures of Education Progress Update • Ensuring a Bright Future for All Children: Interviews at the Frontline • Education one year into the pandemic - OECD report • Integral Human Development and Interviews



You can receive weekly blogposts by subscribing. Simply go to <https://www.globalcatholiceducation.org/>, click on "Subscribe to the blog" in the top right corner, and provide your email.

4. Sharing Ideas & Data

Short articles & data

Selected Short Articles and Blogs in 2022

The Global Catholic Education team regularly writes short articles for magazines, blogs, and newsletters.



CATHOLIC
SOCIAL
THOUGHT



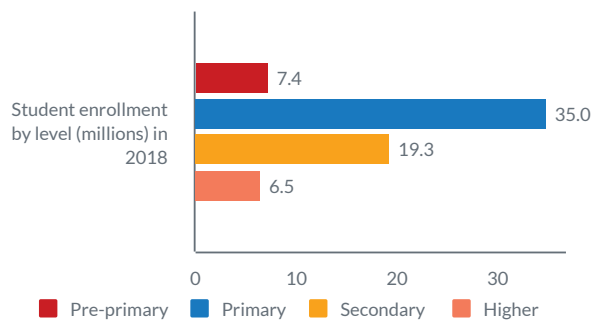
LSE Religion
& Global Society



NCEATALK
A Catholic School Education Blog

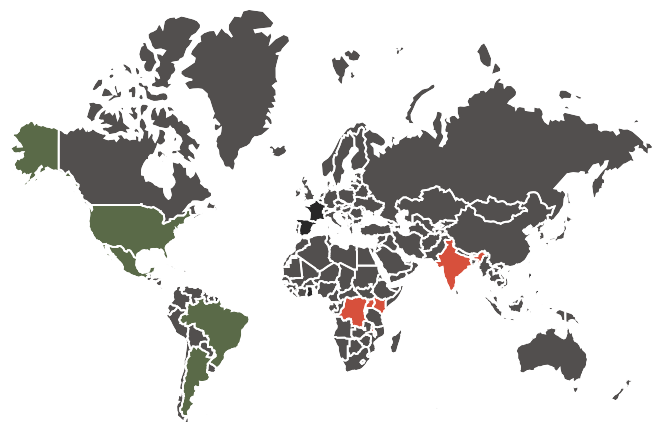
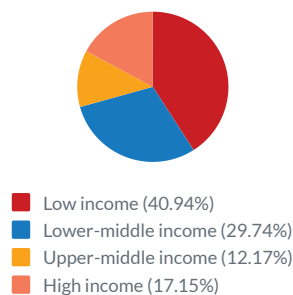
Data

The Global Catholic Education website provides data on contributions of the Catholic Church among others to education, healthcare, and social protection.



The 5 top countries by enrolment at the pre-school, primary, and secondary levels are all low or lower-middle income:
DR Congo, Kenya, Malawi, India, Uganda
(income classification from the World Bank)

Share of all primary school students by level of income of the country



For data on contributions of the Catholic Church to education, healthcare, and social protection, go to <https://www.globalcatholiceducation.org/data>.

4. Sharing Ideas & Data

Country profiles

Country profiles with trends in enrollment in Catholic schools from 1975 to 2020 are available.

Democratic Republic of Congo

Global Catholic Education Country Profiles (1975-2020): Pre-primary to Secondary

Country: Congo, Democratic Republic of Data: Statistical yearbooks of the Church

Table 1: Trends in the Number of Students and Schools, 1975-2020

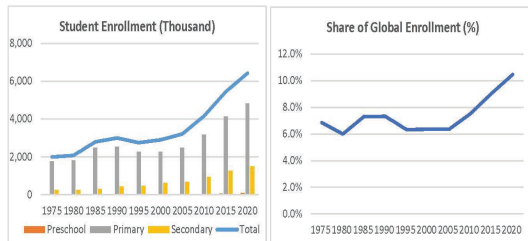
	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
Students (Thousands)										
Preschool	-	5	10	19	24	20	27	43	55	86
Primary	1,755	1,819	2,475	2,539	2,274	2,496	3,165	4,139	4,830	
Secondary	241	251	310	441	451	618	686	952	1,256	1,506
Total	1,996	2,075	2,794	2,998	2,749	2,902	3,209	4,160	5,451	6,423
Schools										
Preschool	-	42	65	132	186	212	251	490	560	780
Primary	331	5,121	7,568	5,537	6,238	6,929	8,072	9,449	11,627	11,331
Secondary	86	1,340	1,504	1,337	1,789	2,295	2,688	4,299	4,895	4,881
Total	417	6,503	9,137	7,006	8,213	9,436	11,011	14,238	17,082	16,992

Note: No data for preschools in 1975.

Table 2: Annual Growth Rates in the Number of Students and Schools, Various Periods (%)

	Students					Schools				
	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2015-20	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2015-20
Preschool	-	0.4%	8.0%	7.3%	9.3%	-	4.9%	8.7%	4.8%	6.9%
Primary	3.4%	-1.1%	3.4%	4.3%	3.1%	0.8%	2.3%	3.2%	1.8%	-0.5%
Secondary	5.8%	3.4%	4.4%	4.7%	3.7%	0.0%	5.6%	6.5%	1.3%	-0.1%
Total	3.7%	-0.3%	3.7%	4.4%	3.3%	0.7%	3.0%	4.2%	1.8%	-0.1%

Note: Compounded growth rates for 10 years by decade (e.g., 1980 to 1990) except for the last period.



Citation: Wodon, Q. 2022. *Enrollment in Catholic Pre-primary to Secondary Schools: Global Trends and Country Profiles, 1975-2020*. Washington, DC: Global Catholic Education.

United States of America

Global Catholic Education Country Profiles (1975-2020): Pre-primary to Secondary

Country: United States of America Data: Statistical yearbooks of the Church

Table 1: Trends in the Number of Students and Schools, 1975-2020

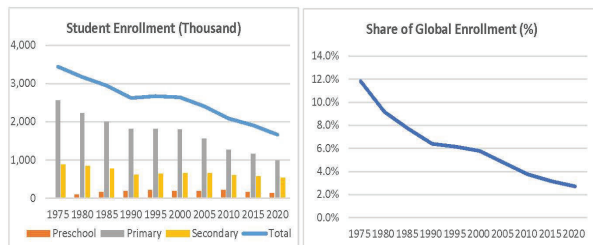
	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
Students (Thousands)										
Preschool	-	105	165	193	218	186	192	213	166	141
Primary	2,557	2,227	2,005	1,815	1,815	1,800	1,559	1,270	1,159	987
Secondary	884	838	774	612	638	654	653	603	583	535
Total	3,441	3,170	2,944	2,620	2,672	2,640	2,405	2,086	1,908	1,664
Schools										
Preschool	-	3,406	4,690	5,318	5,668	5,194	5,051	4,936	4,282	3,661
Primary	8,414	8,022	7,764	7,294	6,964	6,793	6,122	5,638	5,135	4,732
Secondary	1,624	1,549	1,425	1,319	1,280	1,297	1,325	1,229	1,217	1,271
Total	13,739	12,977	13,879	13,931	13,925	13,284	12,498	11,803	10,634	9,664

Note: No data for preschools in 1975.

Table 2: Annual Growth Rates in the Number of Students and Schools, Various Periods (%)

	Students					Schools				
	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2015-20	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2015-20
Preschool	-	-0.4%	1.4%	-4.0%	-3.2%	-	-0.2%	-0.5%	-2.9%	-3.1%
Primary	-2.0%	-0.1%	-3.4%	-2.5%	-3.2%	-0.9%	-0.7%	-1.8%	-1.7%	-1.6%
Secondary	-3.1%	0.7%	-0.8%	-1.2%	-1.7%	-1.6%	-0.2%	-0.5%	0.3%	0.9%
Total	-1.9%	0.1%	-2.3%	-2.2%	-2.7%	0.7%	-0.5%	-1.2%	-2.0%	-1.9%

Note: Compounded growth rates for 10 years by decade (e.g., 1980 to 1990) except for the last period.



Citation: Wodon, Q. 2022. *Enrollment in Catholic Pre-primary to Secondary Schools: Global Trends and Country Profiles, 1975-2020*. Washington, DC: Global Catholic Education.

Inspiration, Finances, & Annexes

Inspiration: Remarks by Pope Francis

“To educate is always an act of hope, one that calls for cooperation in turning a barren and paralyzing indifference into another way of thinking that recognizes our interdependence... Education [is] one of the most effective ways of making our world and history more human. Education is above all a matter of love and responsibility handed down from one generation to another.”



Source: Remarks from Pope Francis delivered on October 15, 2020 through a video message for the event organized by the Congregation for Catholic Education at the Pontifical Lateran University on a Global Compact for Education.

Finances

The Global Catholic Education project is volunteer-led. The work done by the volunteer team is pro bono. We do not solicit donations, nor do we provide funding. The cost of the project's website has been donated by the volunteer team. As we do not manage any funds and are not incorporated, we do not maintain financial statements.

Global Catholic Education - Year in Review 2022: Sharing Knowledge about Education and Integral Human Development



Your feedback is valuable. To contact us,
please send us an email at globalcatholiceducation@gmail.com.