

# WHY IS PARENTAL CHOICE IN EDUCATION IMPORTANT TO THE BISHOPS?

The Catholic Church teaches that, as the primary educators of their children, parents have the right and responsibility to determine the best education for their children.

The government has a duty to cooperate with parents in providing that education, including funding non-public options.

Increasing educational opportunities for everyone, so that children can learn in an environment best suited to their needs, leads to a more equitable and just society.

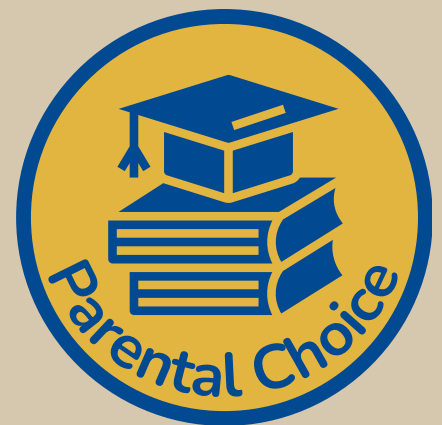
## FOR THE TEXAS CATHOLIC BISHOPS TO SUPPORT A BILL, IT MUST INCLUDE:

Robust safeguards for the autonomy and religious liberty of private schools

Prioritization of low-income families

Accreditation of participating private schools

Administration of norm-referenced assessments



While most students will continue to benefit from thriving public schools, an ESA could be life changing for tens of thousands of Texas schoolchildren.



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