The creators hope the standards will be used by the country’s 7,000 Catholic schools. Weitzel-O’Neill said she plans to use them this summer in a program aimed at training pastor principals throughout New England, where more than 100 Catholic schools have closed or merged since 2000.

“We believe it can clarify the brand, the mission, and increase the support and the understanding of the great values Catholic schools have provided for the country,” she said.