

**THE ROLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
SECONDARY EDUCATION IN KYUSO SUB-COUNTY, KITUI COUNTY**

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## ABSTRACT

This study attempted to investigate the role of the catholic church in provision of Education focusing on Kyuso Catholic Diocese. The study established that the Catholic Church participated fully during missionary period' in establishing westem education in Kenya in the 19th, Century, which also included what is now Kyuso Diocese. It is also evident that the church values the school as an instrument of evangelization. The code of Cannon Law, Canon 795 states" Education must pay regard to the formation of the whole person, so that all may attain their eternal destiny and at the same time promote the common good of the society. Children and young persons are therefore to be cared for in such a way that their physical, moral, and intellectual talents develop in a harmonious manner, so that they may attain a greater sense of responsibility and a right use of freedom and be formed to take an active part in social life." This statement from the code of Canon law points out clearly that the church view's education in its right perspective. However, after Kenya attained independence and with the implementation of Education Act 2013, the church handed over its established and managed schools to local authorities and assumed the role of a sponsor. The Catholic Diocese of Kyuso seems to have withdrawn quietly from its sponsored schools and very little efforts have been put towards setting up its own Catholic Schools. This study has found out that the Catholic priest and the Catholic faithfuls in Kyuso Doicese would wish their church to take up a more active and participatory role in Education for the church by its very nature is a mother and a teacher and it can not afford to take a back sit in the field of Education. This study acknowledges the policy Document for Catholic Education in Kenya 2000 as a big step towards church's provision of Education and fully recommends that the Catholic Diocese of Kyuso studies this Document and implements it. The basic objective of this study was to investigate the role of the Catholic Church in Provision of Education with focus on Kyuso Catholic Diocese and suggest ways in which this role can be strengthened. The way forward is taking a participatory role in education matters and not be contented with being a sponsor by tittle.