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FROM THE DESK OF CEO

It gives us great pleasure to share with you the highlights and achievements of the Catholic Educational Institutions. This period was marked by continued commitment, collaboration, and meaningful progress in our educational mission.

As Catholic education continues to respond to the changing needs of our students and communities, our schools remain committed to providing quality education, holistic development, faith formation, and an inclusive learning environment for every child. We firmly believe that education is not only about academic achievement but also about nurturing responsible, compassionate, and values-driven individuals who can contribute positively to society.

During this quarter, our schools and educational teams continued to focus on teacher professional development, student learning, leadership development, co-curricular activities, and the integration of innovative educational practices. The dedication of our teachers, school leaders, staff, parents, and students has been instrumental in making these initiatives successful.

We are particularly grateful to the Catholic and Diocesan Boards of Education for their continued guidance, coordination, and support in strengthening Catholic education across Pakistan. The collaboration between NCEC, CBEs, dioceses, school leadership, and teachers remains essential to achieving our shared vision of educational excellence.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all those who continue to serve the mission of Catholic education with dedication and generosity.

May God bless you abundantly.

Asher Jawaid

FROM THE ACADEMICS DESK

NCEC Educators Join

International Bebras Orientation Session by Illumined Minds

Promoting Computational Thinking, Logical Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Across Catholic Educational Institutions

On September 17, 2026, Illumined Minds hosted a successful International Bebras Orientation Session, bringing together school heads, principals, coordinators, and educators from institutions nationwide. The session introduced academic leaders to the International Bebras Challenge on Informatics and Computational Thinking, detailing its structure, mission, and core benefits.

Key focus areas included how the challenge fosters logical reasoning, analytical thinking, creativity, and practical problem-solving in young learners.

Participants received comprehensive guidance on registration, school coordination, and the long-term value of integrating computational thinking early in a student's education. The interactive format allowed educators to address queries and share strategies for implementing innovative learning beyond conventional curricula. The enthusiastic attendance highlighted a collective commitment to equipping students with essential 21st-century digital and critical-thinking skills.

Illumined Minds extends its sincere appreciation to all participants and looks forward to partnering with schools across Pakistan to empower the next generation of capable problem-solvers.



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NCEC Hosts "Unlocking Global Futures" "International Higher Education Orientation"

Building Pathways to Global Academic Excellence and Scholarships for Youth

On September 25, 2026, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), in partnership with Victorious Nations, hosted the orientation session "Unlocking Global Futures" at the Archbishop's House in Lahore. The event brought together school principals and Church leadership to lay out clear pathways for local youth—especially those from marginalized communities, to access international higher education and merit scholarships.



NCEC CEO Mr. Asher Javaid kicked off the morning by emphasizing the Commission's focus on opening international doors for deserving students. Keynote speaker Ms. Victoria Walter, Founder of Victorious Nations, then walked principals through the application process and highlighted global study opportunities, including a preview of campus life at Dallas Baptist University.



His Grace Archbishop Khalid Rehmat OFM Cap. commended the effort, reminding attendees that while the Church is creating these platforms, students must bring the drive, merit, and academic dedication to earn them. To ensure no candidate gets overlooked, His Grace directed NCEC, CBE Lahore, and Diocesan Youth Coordinator Rev. Fr. Yousaf Yaqoob to find eligible students directly from local parishes alongside school networks.

The session wrapped up with a clear roadmap for school heads to start identifying, preparing, and guiding the next generation of global scholars.

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NCEC Master Trainers Conduct Impactful 8-Hour Virtual Workshop on "Leading Growth"



Between September 8 and 11, 2026, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) ran an intensive 8-hour virtual training titled "Leading Growth: Build People, Build Culture, Build Capability."

Led by NCEC's Master Trainers, the four-day online workshop brought together 32 educators and administrators from across the country to focus on modern leadership, school culture, and talent management. The 32 participants represented a solid cross-section of dioceses

The sessions focused on growth mindsets, equal opportunity, and practical ways to manage and retain school talent. Participants called the workshop a genuine eye-opener, sharing that it helped them recognize hidden potential in themselves and spot untapped strengths across their school teams.

The program wrapped up with participants thanking NCEC leadership and the Master Trainers, promising to take the ideas and strategies from the screen back into their daily work and schools.



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Books, Bots, and Big Smiles

NCEC Partners with Providentia Books Foundation!

Under the leadership of CEO Mr Asher Javaid, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) teamed up with the Providentia Books Foundation to enrich education across four Lahore Diocese schools: St. John's High School (Youhanabad), St. Paul's High School (Green Town), St. Mary's High School (Phool Nagar), and St. Peter's High School (Township).

Through spokesperson Ms. Laiba, Providentia delivered over 400 books to each campus—supplying libraries with storybooks, novels, and core curricular texts. To strengthen digital operations, St. John's High School also received a brand-new laptop.

The initiative went beyond library shelves to build practical skills and strong character:

- **Digital & AI Skills:** At St. Paul's, 23 students completed a 5-day workshop with the Global Shapers Community (visited by NCEC's Sir Simon), mastering AI automation, prompt engineering, content creation, social entrepreneurship, and Canva design.
- **Interfaith Harmony:** On October 5, 2026, Mr. Sammak led interactive sessions on faith, tolerance, and respect with Classes 5 and 8 at St. Peter's High School, while offering school uniforms for deserving students.

By uniting literature, future-ready technology, and core values, this partnership bridges critical learning gaps. NCEC and school leaders, including Principal Eram Amer of St. Peter's, extend their sincere gratitude to Providentia Books, Ms. Laiba, Mr. Sammak, and the Global Shapers team for empowering our students.



St. Peter's High School, Township, Lahore

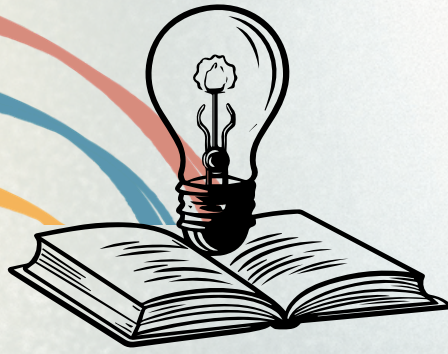
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St. John's High School, Youhanabad, Lahore

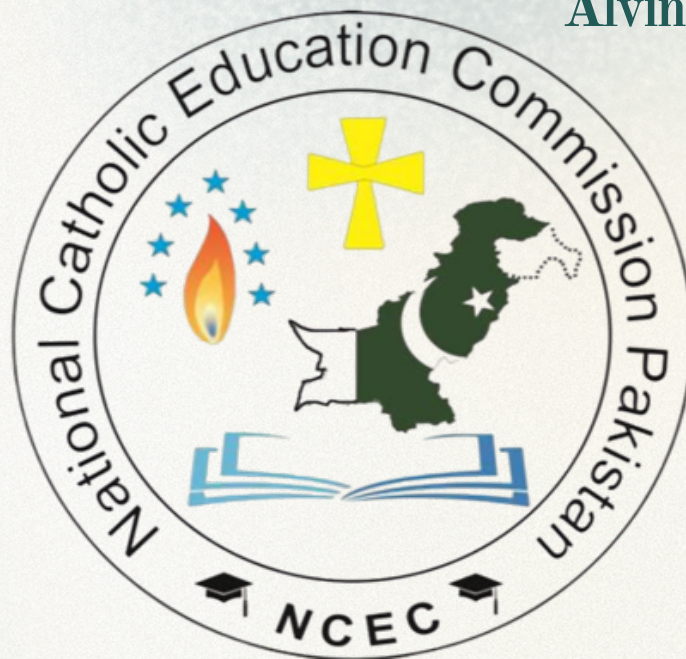


St. Paul's English Medium High School Lahore



‘The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.’

Alvin Toffler



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