



walk it!

Participation in the **MARATHON** or the use of materials and logo is restricted and limited to Nonpublic Schools or Nonpublic Educational Organizations that have properly registered with the resource.



work it!



ride it!

About the Resource

The Minnesota Marathon for Nonpublic Education, Inc., is an association of parents, educators and friends of nonpublic education who sponsor the local MARATHON. MARATHON participants make a public demonstration of their support and belief in nonpublic education as they raise money for the school or activity. All proceeds collected by the participants are given to the nonpublic educational activity of their choice.



Minnesota Knights of Columbus, a proud sponsor of the Marathon since 1974.

Resource:

Minnesota Marathon
webpage
[mnknights.org/
marathon/](http://mnknights.org/marathon/)

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**ANNUAL
MINNESOTA
MARATHON
FOR
NONPUBLIC EDUCATION**

**Keep Nonpublic Education
on the Move!**



History of the Marathon

The first MARATHON for Nonpublic Education originated in the Twin Cities when over 1200 participants collected about \$2500. It was so successful that the Twin Cities Federation of Home & School Associations declared the MARATHON an annual event, and the Minnesota MARATHON for Nonpublic Education, Inc., was formed. To date the MARATHON has generated nearly \$100 million for Nonpublic Education!

KC's Adopt Marathon

In recognition of the MARATHON's contribution to nonpublic education, the Minnesota Catholic Conference and the State Council of the Knights of Columbus (with more than 274 councils and over 43,000 members) have endorsed the MARATHON and the Knights of Columbus have renewed their financial commitment to help defray expenses.

Annual Marathon

The Minnesota MARATHON for Nonpublic Education, Inc., has set the first Saturday of October as the official date for the statewide annual MARATHON. Instructions, donation sheets, posters and details are furnished to any nonpublic educational institution that wants to participate in the MARATHON and has properly registered with the resource.



Minnesota Marathon for Nonpublic Education

The MARATHON is a viable public relations and fundraising activity in support of nonpublic education. Participants obtain donations from sponsors and then walk, run, jog or bike a prescribed local MARATHON route or perform a service project. All monies collected are given directly to the participants for the nonpublic educational activity of his or her choice.



Purpose of the Marathon

The purpose of the MARATHON is to enable those who support and advocate for nonpublic education to make a public demonstration of their belief and involvement. Nonpublic schools and church religious education programs make a real contribution to the total community. Participants also raise funds in a "fun activity" for the nonpublic educational activity of their choice.



Participation in the Marathon

The MARATHON for Nonpublic Education is for students, faculties, families, alumni and friends of nonpublic education. Nonpublic schools, Sunday schools, adult educational programs, faith formation programs and others participate by simply endorsing the MARATHON and organizing. Begin by appointing a MARATHON coordinator, set a goal, and involve your community.

Here's what Marathon schools have to say:



"Every year, The Nonpublic School Marathon along with our St. Peter's School Ride for a Reason touches people's lives in powerful ways through prayer and instills the value of listening to and helping others in our children. It doesn't get much better than that."

Liz Otto -School Parent, St. Peter's School, Delano



"MARATHON is a highly visible public statement of the commitment of parents and children to their nonpublic schools. It is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate our strength and goodness, say who we are, and support one another—while having fun and raising funds!"

Brian A. Rome - Executive Director of Marathon



"The MARATHON not only provides money for our school, but it brings our school together as a family! We proudly parade down our community streets, while our band plays the school song."

Mary Gangelhoff - St. Mary School, Sleepy Eye



"What better way for children and their families to show support for their choice in nonpublic education while having fun along the beautiful banks of the Mississippi River."

Jane Hileman - St. Helena School, Minneapolis

