



Office of Catholic Schools



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Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

We, the Church in central and southern Indiana, called to faith and salvation in Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic tradition, strive to live the Gospel by:

- ◆ Worshiping God in word and sacrament
- ◆ Learning, teaching, and sharing our faith
- ◆ Serving human needs

We commit ourselves to generosity and to the responsible use of our spiritual and material resources.

Values of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

- ◆ Prayer and spiritual growth
- ◆ Lifelong learning and sharing our faith
- ◆ Parish and family, the individual and community
- ◆ Compassion and respect for human life and all creation
- ◆ Justice and consistent moral standards
- ◆ Pro-active leadership and shared responsibility
- ◆ Vital presence in urban, suburban, and rural neighborhoods
- ◆ Stewardship

3 December 2015

+ Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Patron of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis +

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Praised be Christ the Teacher for the ministry of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis!

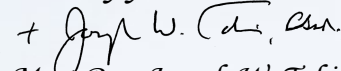
From New Albany to Indianapolis and from Terre Haute to Richmond – and everywhere in between – some 24,000 young people and their families are growing closer to one another and to Christ through the ministry of Catholic schools.

Accompanying them on the journey of faith from early childhood through young adulthood, Catholic schools support young people and their families and communities in recognizing, accepting, and living Christ's invitation to life in abundance. These are more than educational institutions – they are formational and transformational ministries that are integral to the life of the Church and to the mission of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Within the context of the Community of the Church, the Body of Christ, present in central and southern Indiana, Catholic schools collaborate with parents to nurture in every young person the unique image and likeness of God in which each was created.

This great work of building the Kingdom of God is made possible by the support of the faithful, the investment of parents, the dedication of professional educators, the commitment of my brother priests, and the generosity of all those who believe in a brighter future for our communities and for our world. Thank you to each of you for your generous response to the invitation and to the promise that Catholic schools represent, and thank you for allowing me to be so abundantly blessed by collaborating with you in this great ministry!

In the Gospels, Christ says, "Let the little children come to me ... for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." With open doors, open arms, and open hearts, let us ever more deeply embrace this great mission that we share.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Rev. Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis



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Catholic Schools Outside of the Indianapolis Metro Area

Batesville Deanery

Aurora
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (PK-8)

Batesville
St. Louis (PK-8)

Greensburg
St. Mary (PK-7)

Lawrenceburg
St. Lawrence (K-8)

New Alsace
St. Paul (PK-8)

Shelbyville
St. Joseph (PK-5)

Sunman
St. Nicholas (PK-8)

Bloomington Deanery

Bedford
St. Vincent de Paul (PK-8)

Bloomington
St. Charles Borromeo (PK-8)

Connersville Deanery

Brookville
St. Michael (PK-8)

Connersville
St. Gabriel (PK-6)

Richmond
Seton Catholic Jr./Sr. High School (7-12)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (PK-6)

Rushville Deanery

New Albany Deanery
St. Mary (PK-6)

Clarksville
Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School (7-12)

Corydon
St. Joseph (PK-6)

Floyds Knobs
St. Mary-of-the-Knobs (PK-6)

Jeffersonville
Sacred Heart (PK-8)

New Albany Deanery

Sellersburg
St. John Paul II (PK-6)

Seymour Deanery
St. Anthony of Padua (PK-8)

Columbus
St. Bartholomew (PK-8)

Franklin
St. Rose of Lima (PK-8)

Madison

Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School (7-12)

Pope John XXIII (PK-6)

North Vernon
St. Mary (PK-8)

Seymour
St. Ambrose (PK-8)

Terre Haute Deanery

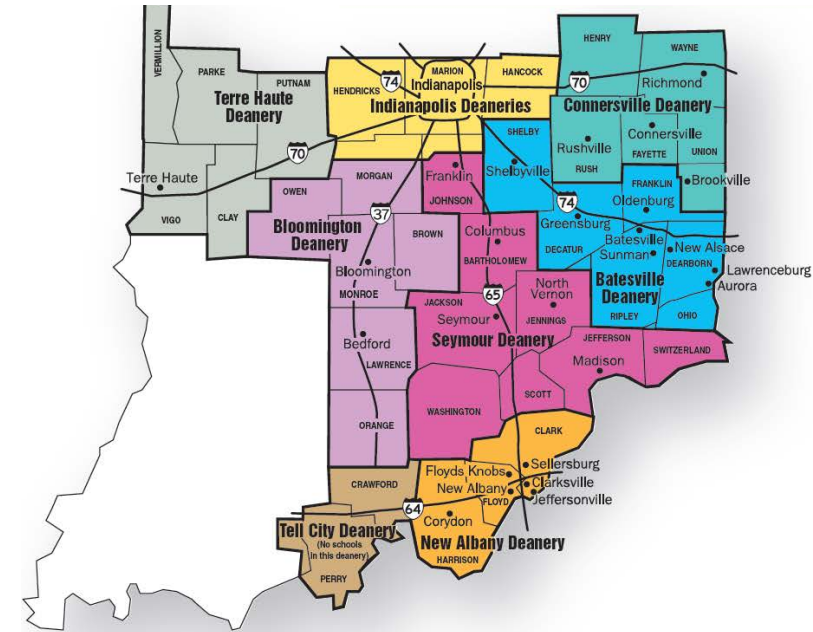
Terre Haute
St. Patrick (PK-8)

Private School

Oldenburg
Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception (9-12)



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Catholic Schools Within the Indianapolis Metro Area

Indianapolis North Deanery

- + Bishop Chatard High School (9-12)
- 1. Christ the King (K-8)
- 2. Immaculate Heart of Mary (K-8)
- 3. St. Joan of Arc (PK-8)
- 4. St. Lawrence (PK-8)
- 5. St. Luke (K-8)
- 6. St. Matthew (PK-8)
- 7. St. Pius X (K-8)
- 8. St. Simon the Apostle (PK-8)
- 9. St. Thomas Aquinas (K-8)

Indianapolis East Deanery

- + Father Thomas Seccina Memorial High School (9-12)
- 10. *Holy Cross Central (PK-8)
- 11. Holy Spirit (PK-8)
- 12. Our Lady of Lourdes (PK-8)
- 13. St. Michael (PK-8)
- 14. *St. Philip Neri (PK-8)
- 15. St. Therese Little Flower (PK-8)

Indianapolis South Deanery

- + Roncalli High School (9-12)
- 16. *Central Catholic (K-8)
- 17. Holy Name (PK-8)
- 18. Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (PK-8)
- 19. Our Lady of the Greenwood (PK-8)
- 20. SS. Francis and Clare (PK-8)
- 21. St. Barnabas (PK-8)
- 22. St. Jude (K-8)
- 23. St. Mark the Evangelist (PK-8)
- 24. St. Roch (PK-8)

Indianapolis West Deanery

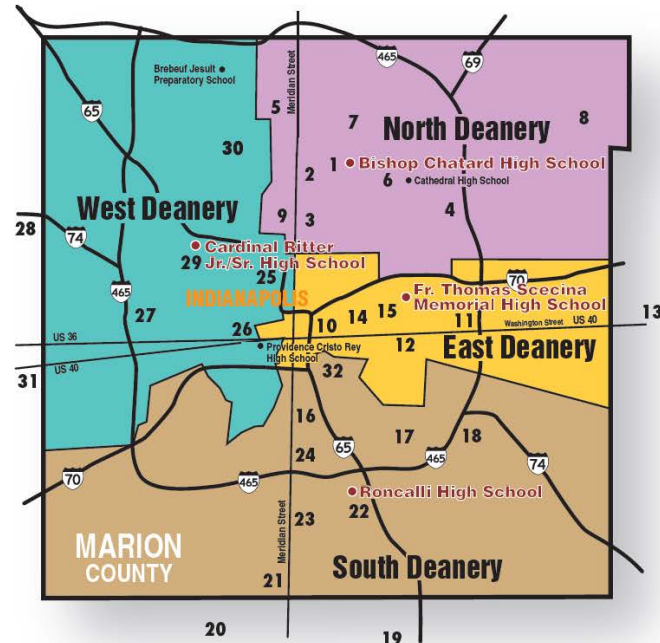
- + Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School (7-12)
- 25. *Holy Angels (PK-6)
- 26. *St. Anthony (PK-8)
- 27. St. Christopher (PK-6)
- 28. St. Malachy (K-8)
- 29. St. Michael-St. Gabriel Archangels (PK-8)
- 30. St. Monica (PK-8)
- 31. St. Susanna (PK-8)

Indianapolis Private Schools

- 32. Lumen Christi (K-12)
- + Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School (9-12)
- + Cathedral High School (9-12)
- + Providence Cristo Rey High School (9-12)

* Mother Theodore Catholic Academies

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Visit <http://oce.archindy.org/catholic-schools/school-locator-info.aspx> for links to school specific information.

Anchors of Faith and Educational Excellence



Dearest Friends,

The Archdiocese has been, and continues to be, committed to student learning and teacher performance. To that end, there must be a model of continuous improvement and progress. We not only accentuate the educational components of our educational achievements, we hold in high esteem the holistic approach to

preparing our children for the future. We focus on honesty, integrity, and love for each other as we instill good values in each and every child.

I believe strongly that the longer a student is with the Archdiocese, the better the student performs. Our data supports this belief.

Our schools continue to grow, and, as they do, parish communities are enhanced and neighborhood communities become stronger. Each of our Catholic schools are true anchors for the neighborhoods in which they exist.

My experience has been rooted in Catholic education and formation. I believe that every student will meet challenges and find success every day.



Yours in Christ, Our Teacher,

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis



Welcome to the Office of Catholic Schools!

Catholic educators are well known for our flexibility and desire to serve. Our Office of Catholic Schools team is no exception!



Thanks to the wisdom of Archbishop Tobin and his leadership team, an internal review of the Office of Catholic Education (OCE) was conducted in December 2014. In an effort to improve operations and enhance services, the decision was made to divide OCE into three separate secretariats. The Office of Catholic Schools (OCS) supports Pre-K—I2th Grade education. Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry joined Family Life, Inter-Cultural Ministries, and Ecumenism to form the Office of Pastoral Ministries, where Deacon Mike Braun serves as director. Father Pat Beidelman is director of the Secretariat for Evangelization, Worship, and Catechesis.

This internal review also helped identify ways we can better serve parishes and schools. One way was to grow our OCS team by adding Ben Potts as Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools. Another was to establish priorities that are intended to help us support schools more effectively and efficiently:

- Formation of an Archdiocesan Catholic Schools Commission (ACSC)
- Development of a strategic plan
- Establishment of a Recruit, Retain, and Reward process for educators
- Further support in the areas of development/advancement (with guidance from and collaboration with the Office of Stewardship and Development)

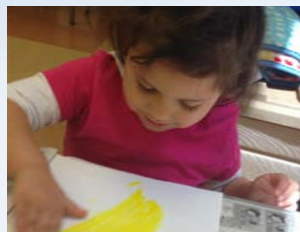
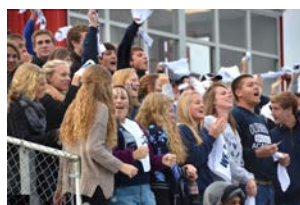
The newly formed OCS worked closely with our 64 schools accredited through AdvancED to prepare for our Archdiocesan external accreditation visit. In addition to the wonderful contributions of pastors, administrators, teachers, staff, board/commission members, parents, students, and other stakeholders, our office compiled more than 600 pieces of evidence illustrating the tremendous initiatives taking place throughout the archdiocese. Twelve individuals from other Catholic dioceses and from AdvancED served on the review team that conducted interviews, visited 12 schools, and reviewed the documentation that was provided. We are pleased to announce that the **Archdiocese of Indianapolis is recommended for accreditation once again!**

The 2015-16 school year has already been quite exciting! We are incredibly grateful for God's grace and love and can hardly wait to share our growth from now until Fall of 2016!

INSPIRATION MULTIPLIED AND MAGNIFIED!

When discussing my role as the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, I am often asked what inspires me. Here are just a few images that immediately come to mind:

- † A Catholic pastor who greets children at the door of his parish school each morning
- † A struggling student who continues to persevere
- † A Catholic school educator who commits his life to Christ and to bringing young people closer to Him
- † A bright young child experiencing new learning for the first time
- † A Catholic school leader who spends endless hours providing supports so that students and teachers can be successful
- † A hard-working parent who makes sacrifices for the investment of a quality Catholic education
- † A shy young person who participates in extra-curricular programming, only to learn that she has special gifts in that area
- † A Catholic school teacher whose presence at an after-school event motivates the “performers”
- † A young adult who joyfully shares his gifts fully to honor and glorify God
- † Students embracing the gift of Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, and the sacraments
- † A Catholic school student who joins the Church because of his witness of Christ in his life through his interactions and religious instruction
- † A Catholic school principal who knows not only the name of every student, but something unique about each
- † An energetic student who slows down enough to help another
- † A generous donor who provides financial support that enhances the lives of our students and communities



- † Students pouring out their hearts to God in song during all-school Masses
- † An innovative student who uses his/her skills to serve others in new and different ways
- † A Catholic school that comes together in prayer when there is a tragedy or sadness
- † A Catholic school that unites in prayer at times of celebration
- † Students graciously performing acts of service in their communities and beyond
- † A parishioner who generously volunteers at the local Catholic school so that students, teachers, and administrators can do their jobs more efficiently and effectively
- † A Catholic school student who later becomes an employee in one of our archdiocesan schools

Strengthening our gifts, respecting the dignity of every person, and celebrating God's love and grace through it all ... that is what our Catholic schools do daily, and that is what inspires me! Since these inspirations are evident throughout our Catholic schools in central and southern Indiana, it is easy to find joy and gratitude in this wonderful vocation.

I pray that you may also be inspired by our Catholic schools, our professional educators, and our amazing youth and families!

May God bless you always,

Gina Kuntz Fleming
Superintendent of Catholic Schools

Welcome Home, Saint Anthony Catholic School!

St. Anthony Parish has seen its share of change over the years. St. Anthony School, previously a ministry of the parish, became part of the Archdiocesan School Consortium formed in 2005. The Consortium later changed its name to the Mother Theodore Catholic Academies (MTCA). St. Anthony and its five sister schools served the Catholic communities throughout the center city of Indianapolis. The financial strain of maintaining six schools became difficult, so when operating a charter school on the campus became an option, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis forged ahead. The Board of Directors of ADI Schools, Inc., was formed and, in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Education Innovation, opened two charter schools. These schools served the St. Anthony, St. Rita, and St. Andrew communities. The academic day was enhanced by Catholic faith formation opportunities after school on each site.



Five years into the charter, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis took a fresh look at Padua Academy at St. Anthony's and Andrew Academy at St. Andrew's. After researching church registrations, student enrollment trends, opportunities for faith formation, and finances, the decision was made to transition out of charter operation. Padua Academy officially became St. Anthony once again as of July 1, 2015, while the Andrew Academy community is being served by another proven successful charter operator based out of Cleveland, Ohio.

The Chancery and the Office of Catholic Schools (OCS) has planned a seamless transition in collaboration with Fr. John McCaslin, pastor at St. Anthony, and the pastoral staff. There have been information sessions and materials provided for parishioners and parents of current Padua Academy students. Father John is an ardent advocate for the transition back to a Catholic school. He and principal Cindy Greer, along with the MTCA board and staff, have worked diligently to ensure the success of St. Anthony as a Mother Theodore Catholic Academy once again.

The Mother Theodore Catholic Academies are not just buildings—they are families where God is made known, loved, and served. These Catholic schools provide hope, safety, and a quality Catholic education focused on the total development of each child. Celebrate with us this incredible homecoming and the wonderful successes that lie ahead.

St. Theodora Excellence in Education Award Winners

"I sleep, but my heart watches over this house which I have built." St. Theodora Guérin

The *Saint Theodora Excellence in Education Award* is named after the foundress of the Sisters of Providence, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. As a teacher and leader, she was graced with the ability to look beyond personal hardships and to inspire others to face each day joyfully, fully trusting in God's providence. Saint Theodora distinguished herself in the formation of teachers of religion. She modeled a tradition of excellence in education for all. The *St. Theodora Guérin Excellence in Education Award*, the highest honor for Catholic educators in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, was created to honor exemplary teachers.



Each year principals throughout the Archdiocese nominate outstanding teachers who are living examples of the long tradition of excellence and dedication to the students under their charge. The nominees include elementary and high school teachers from a variety of educational backgrounds and experiences. One common theme present in all of the nominees and recipients is their view that Catholic education is a vocation based on the love for their faith and their students.



Most recently, Amy Wilson, a teacher at St. Roch School in Indianapolis, was honored as the *2015 Saint Theodora Excellence in Education Award* recipient. Being a product of Catholic education herself, Amy Wilson understands the characteristics necessary to provide a quality Catholic education based on the

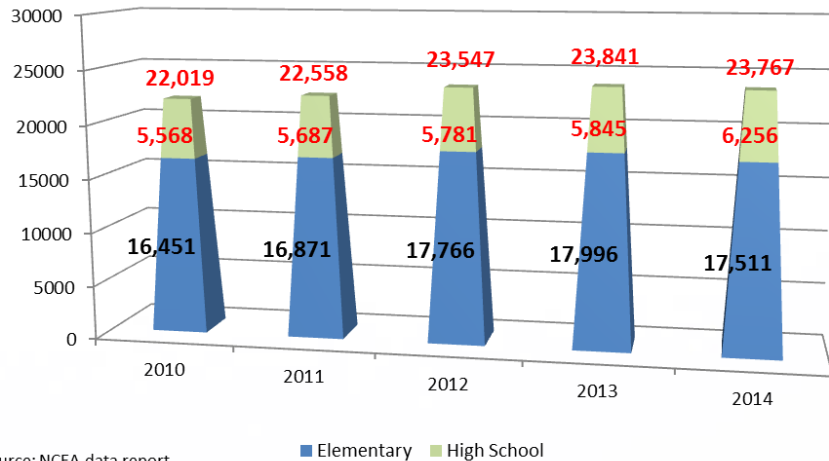
teachings of Jesus Christ and His Holy Church. Amy has been teaching at St. Roch School for the past fourteen years. "My primary focus is to serve the children and their families in the best way possible," states Amy.

Archdiocesan Catholic School Enrollment Data

All Are Welcome!

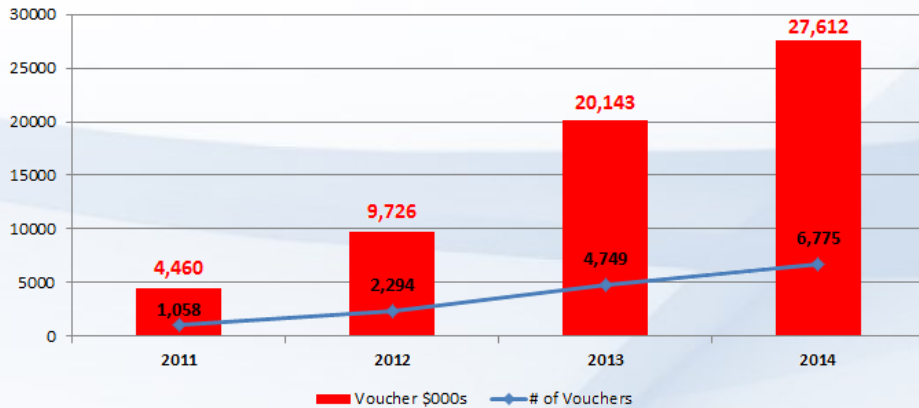
Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis welcome students and families from all walks of life. We are strengthened by a great diversity of ethnicities, denominations, and learning differences and are privileged to meet the needs of our communities.

School Enrollment



Source: NCEA data report

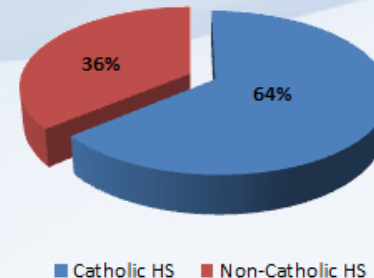
Vouchers - 2011-2014



Archdiocesan School Population - Catholic vs Non-Catholic					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Catholic - #	18,908	19,528	19,307	19,319	19,061
Catholic - %	85.9%	86.6%	82.0%	81.0%	80.2%
Non-Catholic - #	3,111	3,030	4,240	4,522	4,706
Non-Catholic - %	14.1%	13.4%	18.0%	19.0%	19.8%

Ethnicities Represented in Archdiocesan Schools					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
White - #	18,925	19,497	19,279	18,847	18,463
White - %	85.9%	86.4%	81.9%	79.1%	77.7%
African Am - #	1,012	867	1,511	1,597	1,587
African Am - %	4.6%	3.8%	6.4%	6.7%	6.7%
Hispanic - #	992	1,033	1,266	1,780	1,974
Hispanic - %	4.5%	4.6%	5.4%	7.5%	8.3%
Other - #	1,090	1,161	1,491	1,617	1,743
Other - %	5.0%	5.1%	6.3%	6.8%	7.3%

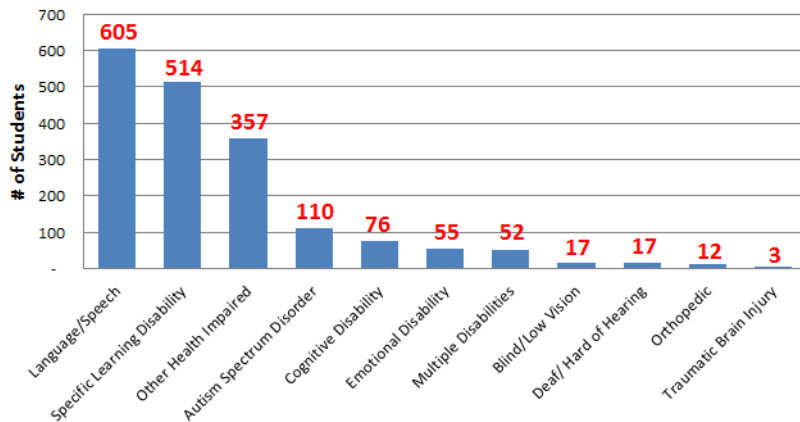
Catholic High School Attendance among Graduating Catholic School 8th Graders



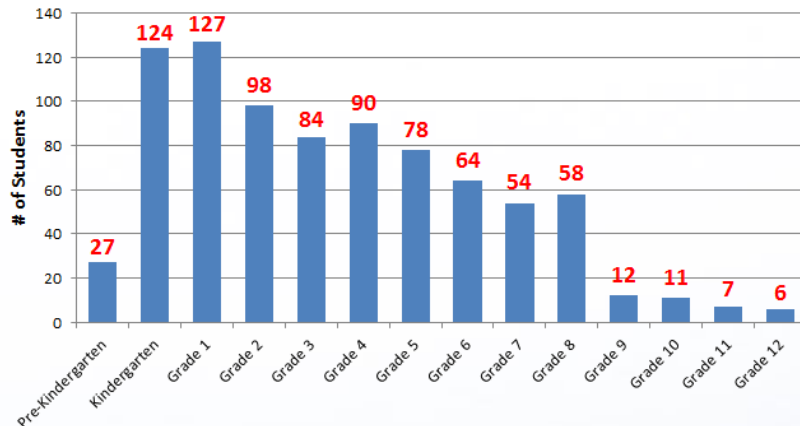
Note: Not all students who attend Catholic elementary schools have access to a Catholic high school due to driving distance.

Archdiocesan Student Information and Performance Indicators

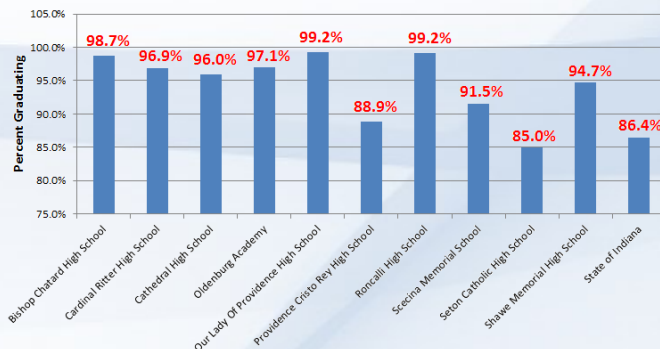
Students with Learning Exceptionalities



Students who Participate in English as a New Language Programming



2014 High School Graduation Rate

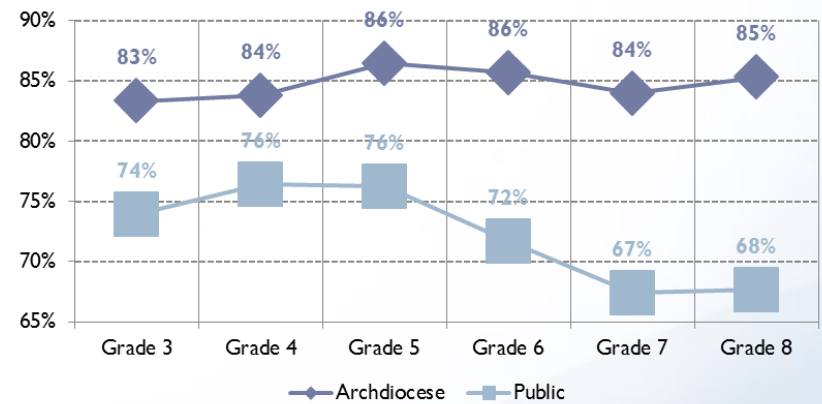


Source: Indiana Department of Education

Note: 2014 Cohort data for Brebeuf is not posted on the IDOE website.

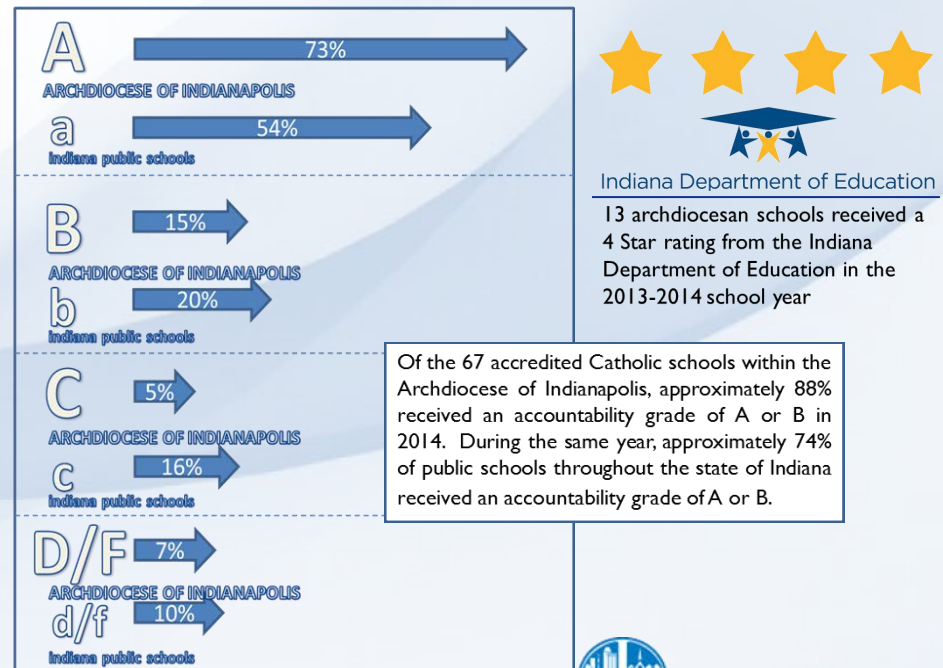
Spring 2014 ISTEP+

Indiana Proficiency & Archdiocese Average Passing Both E/LA & Math



(Note: ISTEP+ results have not yet been released by the Indiana Department of Education for the 2014-2015 Academic Year.)

Indiana Department of Education School Accountability Determinations



Where do our students go post high school?

Approximately 94% continue their educational pursuits at the post secondary level

Approximately 89% pursue a 4 year degree

Class of 2016 — Family, Faith, and Catholic Education

Written by Brittany Geswein - Faculty Member of St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic School

On October 18, 2013, my younger brother, Brandon Tevis, a sophomore at Our Lady of Providence, was called to his heavenly home suddenly and unexpectedly in his sleep. Within days I discovered the true value of a Catholic education. During what can only be described as a period of unthinkable grief, our Providence family swooped in, surrounding us with love, support, and compassion.



No words can express how critical Brandon's Catholic education has been in helping us find peace in our loss. Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." As a result of Brandon's Catholic education, first at St. Paul and then at Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School, Brandon had an incredible faith in God and an enormous capacity for acceptance and forgiveness. We find comfort in knowing that he spent his



days on Earth in an environment where Jesus was truly present.

Although the academic world was challenging for Brandon and school work difficult, there wasn't a place he'd rather be. He loved Our Lady of Providence High School. People who

have been blessed to call it home know that it is more than a building. It is more than a group of people. We believe Brandon truly felt God's providence when he walked in the doors of our school each morning. He felt welcomed, loved, and safe.

Although Brandon will not be walking across the graduation stage with his fellow seniors this spring, his beautiful face will be smiling down upon them from the center of the gym where his picture has lovingly been hung, and his gravestone will forever read: "*Brandon Michael Tevis - Our Lady of Providence Class of 2016*".

"The Center of Our Day"

Written by Erica Heinekamp - Faculty Member of St. Susanna School



"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Seasoned Catholic school teachers will understand that this introduction is the most powerful way to start a class. Not only does it calm students down almost instantly, but Who we are inviting into the classroom becomes the center of our day. So, yes, the fire alarms may go off because of a botched science experiment. Friends act in inexplicable and hurtful ways. Homework may be forgotten...again. But, at the end of the day, our faith claims that God's presence saves us—right there in the messiness and muck of daily life.

Upon graduation a decade ago, I decided to be a Catholic educator and have not regretted it a day. I am free to express, share, and discover more about Christ, the center and salvation of all our days. Through Mass, prayer experiences, and religious celebrations, this discovery of self grows within the school walls. Hearts begin to change.

I want to see my students as Christ sees us—not as machines for output, but as divine Mystery put into existence for the glory of God. May that glory spread from my classroom to the ends of the Earth!



Spotlight on Service Learning: God Working through Us

Written by Gerard Striby, Chairman of the Campus Ministry Team at Roncalli High School

Archdiocesan Catholic high school students engaged in well over 100,000 hours of service learning during the 2014-2015 academic year. As an integral part of formation, students are expected to engage in service through a nonprofit, a church, or a school, and students are encouraged to dedicate as much service as possible to the poor and disenfranchised.



Most of the service completed by Roncalli students occurs either in their local parishes or in agencies that work with the poor (eg: The Lord's Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul, David Moore Food Pantry, Servant's Heart of Indy, and Beggars for the Poor). It is through these experiences that students live the message of Jesus and come into contact with those most in need.

Among the highlights of the service program at Roncalli are two annual mission trips taken to the Appalachia area. Over 1,000 students and staff have participated in this opportunity over the past 22 years. Through these trips, students come into direct contact with those facing incredible hardship, and through prayer and reflection, recognize the call to each of us to live the Gospel message. Participants rebuild or repair houses in an effort to, in some small way, be the hands of Christ to those most in need. In return, Roncalli students and staff learn to recognize the face of Christ in one another and in those they serve.

"Appalachia was an extremely eye opening experience. Seeing family homes destroyed by flooding and mudslides was heartbreaking, especially when we met the homeowners in person. I was amazed to see how much of an impact a small group of students and volunteers can make in a week. When we reflected on our work, I could recognize God working through us." *Quotation from Hallie A.*

Promulgation of a New High School Curriculum Guide

A dramatic expansion and re-sequencing of content in our thirteen Catholic high school religion courses of studies has been completed in guideline form and is being phased in throughout central and southern Indiana. The guiding document, *Catechetical Curriculum Guidelines for Use in Catholic High Schools*, is available on the Faith Formation page of our OCE website (see Curriculum Guidelines, School Religion, High School).



Archbishop Tobin's letter promulgating these content requirements points out their usefulness in seeing to it that "young people not only know our Catholic faith but also consider its beauty in light of the Person of Jesus Christ." Our archbishop notes "the great divide of our time—the rupture between the Gospel and daily life" and expresses hope that these revised guidelines will help catechists "bridge that gap by God's grace."

A revision of our archdiocesan guidelines was needed in part due to the development of a new national framework for Catholic high school religion promulgated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This effort has since shaped the content of major resources used to teach the Faith in our secondary schools.

Please join us in praying for the successful implementation of these *Catechetical Curriculum Guidelines for Use in Catholic High Schools* and especially for their underlying goal: making and forming disciples of Jesus Christ in accordance with His command (cf. Matt 28:16-20).



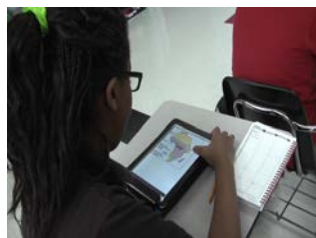
Spotlight on STEM: Faith in Action



The Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are committed to educational excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). From developing one-to-one programs and utilizing technology-infused teaching methods to offering

Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses, Archdiocesan Catholic schools have made great strides in ensuring formation aligned with expectations for college and career readiness.

Over the last decade, Cardinal Ritter High School has experienced tremendous development in STEM education and is currently pursuing the prestigious AdvancED STEM Certification. In consultation with Marian University, Ritter's core leadership team and faculty have developed a one-to-one blended learning environment with opportunities for coursework in fields such as medical terminology, introduction to and principles of engineering, organic chemistry, AP Physics, AP Chemistry, and AP Biology.



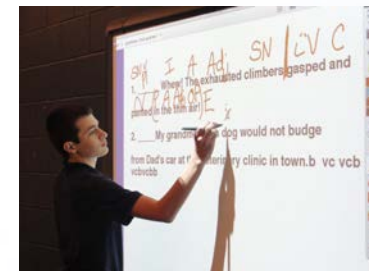
Students also learn about the practical and charitable application of their STEM knowledge and skills. During the 2014-2015 academic year, Cardinal Ritter partnered with an organization called "Enabling the Future" to engineer a prosthetic hand for a six year old girl using 3D printing technologies. Through this project, Ritter students learned about the application of technology to meet real life needs and made a little girl and her family very happy.



Cardinal Ritter's STEM programming culminates in the senior project. Every senior researches a topic aligned with the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church and must develop and defend a multi-media presentation that demonstrates STEM competencies and a fundamental understanding of faith in action.

Archdiocesan Grants Support Catholic Schools

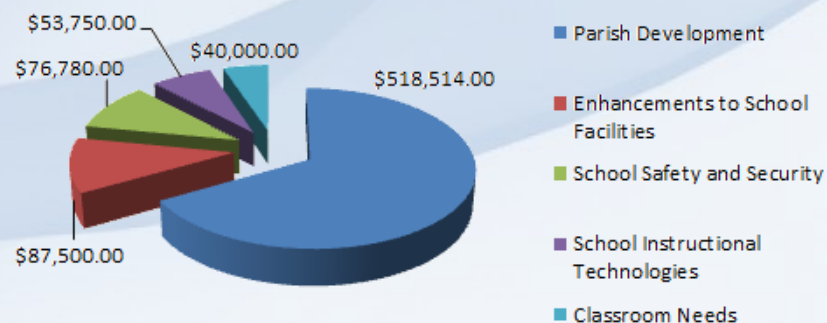
More than \$250,000 was awarded to eleven Archdiocesan Catholic schools during the 2014-2015 academic year from the *Home Mission, Growth and Expansion*, and *James P. Scott Endowment Funds*. These resources made possible important projects like the expansion and updating of technology, HVAC and boiler improvements, roof replacement, the expansion of mental health services, and upgrades to fire alarms and security systems.



A minimum of approximately \$600,000/year is distributed through a grant process that is administered jointly by the Office of Finance and the Office of Stewardship and Development. Grant applications are reviewed twice each year, once in the Spring and once in the Fall, by the Vicar General, three archdiocesan directors, five priests, and six staff/lay volunteers including members of the CCF Board and the Archdiocesan Finance Council. This group makes recommendations to Archbishop Tobin regarding grant awards.

Parishes and schools are encouraged to visit the archdiocesan website at www.archindy.org/finance/grant.html and to contact Stacy Harris in the Finance Office at sharris@archindy.org / 317-236-1535 to learn more about applying for funding from these endowments.

2014-2015 Archdiocesan Grants



University Partnerships Support Catholic Schools

In addition to supporting aspiring professional educators by welcoming student-teachers from numerous colleges and universities, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is blessed to have developed special relationships with the University of Dayton, Marian University, and the University of Notre Dame. These dynamic partnerships were recognized as a “Powerful Practice” by the AdvancED Accreditation Team earlier this academic year.



UNIVERSITY of Rob Rash, Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools, serves on Lelanne’s Advisory Board at the University of Dayton. Beginning teachers make a two-year commitment to teach in a Catholic school while living in *community* and pursuing *spiritual* and *professional* development. After completion of the two-year program, Lalanne teachers obtain their Master’s degree in Education, and many continue to serve in our Catholic schools. To date, forty-three Lalanne teachers have served in Indianapolis. All but one are still teaching or involved in education. Nine teachers still teach in the Indianapolis area, and six of the nine still teach in Catholic schools.



Gina Fleming, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, serves on Marian University’s Board of Visitors, which is dedicated to enhancing the readiness of Marian graduates in the workforce with a particular focus on education. Marian now offers a Master’s in Education, and with our input and support, Marian has developed tracks that aid in the understanding of Catholic education systems and operations. Additionally, conversations about internships/externships of Marian students in our schools continue.



The Archdiocese has supported the post-graduate education of thirteen teachers in the University of Notre Dame’s ACE Remick Leadership Program. Nine Remick graduates currently serve in the Archdiocese as assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, and/or teachers with leadership responsibilities. This relationship between the Archdiocese and Notre Dame has deepened, and this year is the first program year ACE Teaching Fellows are serving in the Archdiocese. These young educators will teach for two years at St. Philip Neri and St. Anthony. The Archdiocese is also privileged to host members of Notre Dame’s Echo Program and is exploring partnering with ND’s ACE Academies to further develop the Mother Theodore Catholic Academies.



Building Catholic Schools One Project at a Time

Undertaking a capital campaign is one of the most exciting and important activities that a parish can undertake. Whether it is to fund capital improvements, endowments, or new growth opportunities, a capital campaign is an opportunity for the entire community to become more deeply involved in the mission.



Several parishes have recently undertaken capital campaign projects that will enhance their Catholic school ministries. The projects showcased below are just a glimpse of how parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are improving Catholic education in central and southern Indiana:



- ◆ St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield has made expanding classroom square footage and storage space a component of their capital campaign. In addition, their plan outlines new space for parish meeting rooms and youth formation meeting space. They are also investing in improvements to the parking lot and property to make it more inviting.
- ◆ St. Therese (Little Flower) Parish on the eastside of Indianapolis kicked off their ***Together: Plant. Grow. Bloom. Capital Campaign*** to address climate control issues meaning a better learning environment for the students. In addition to regulating heat, the students and staff of Little Flower will soon enjoy the comforts of air conditioning!

Please join us in praying for the success of these capital campaigns, specifically the pastor, steering committee, volunteers, students, and staff who will be impacted by this positive process.

If your parish is considering such an endeavor, please contact Jolinda Moore, director of stewardship and development at jmoore@archindy.org or (317) 236-1462 for planning guidelines. More information is also available in the Parish Helpdesk online at www.archindy.org/UCA.



Total Catholic Education Endowment Fund (TCE Fund)

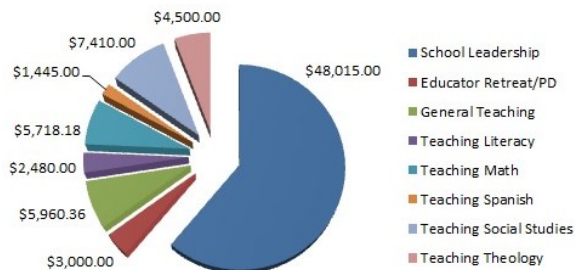


Established in 1990 by Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara, the purpose of the TCE Fund is to provide financial support for the professional training and education of Catholic educators and catechetical leaders in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in order to enhance education and faith formation in the Church of central and southern Indiana.

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, more than \$100,000 was pledged to just over thirty Catholic educators. Almost \$80,000 of that commitment was directed toward Catholic school teachers and leaders. Thus far for the current fiscal year, almost \$60,000 has been committed to Catholic school personnel. This financial support is typically used by teachers to pursue certifications and advanced degrees in education, administration, and/or academic content areas at a variety of colleges and universities.

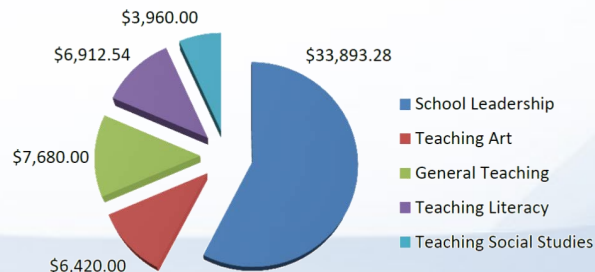
For more information on TCE Grants, visit <http://oce.archindy.org> or contact Brenda Pfarr at bpfarr@archindy.org.

2014-2015 TCE Pledges to School Personnel



Total Pledged to School Personnel in FY 2014-2015: **\$78,582.54**

First Half of 2015-2016 TCE Pledges to School Personnel



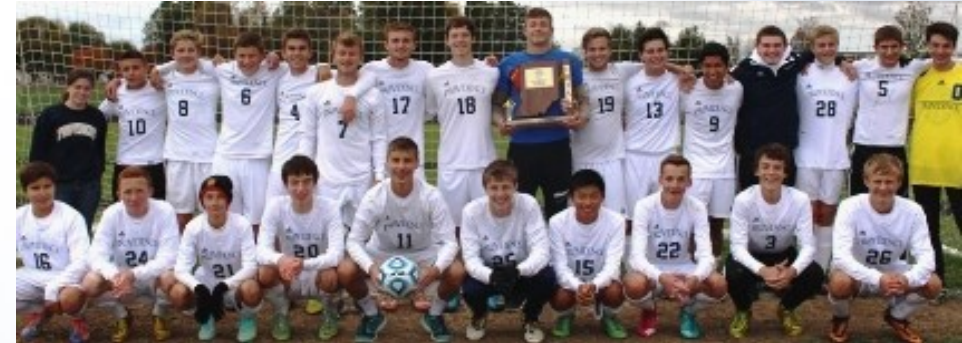
Total Pledged thus far for 2015-2016: **\$58,685.82**



Why I Love My Catholic School

Written by Juston B. - 11th Grader at Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School

I love Our Lady of Providence High School because it provides an environment that strengthens the whole person and gives students and faculty the opportunity of a lifetime by strengthening our Catholic faith. I look forward to coming to school every day because I feel as if I'm at my second home. I walk into Providence each morning with confidence in myself and comfort while being with the family that surrounds me. When I am surrounded by the Providence community, I feel camaraderie and togetherness both in school and at school events, such as Mass, athletic competitions, and theatre productions.



One thing that sets Providence apart from other schools is the various opportunities available to help build faith in Jesus Christ. Our new priest/chaplain provides tremendous enthusiasm that all Catholic high schools would be blessed to have, and he has brought our school even closer together than ever before. Morning Mass and prayer services are



available almost every morning! Any student would be beyond blessed to be able to attend Our Lady of Providence Catholic High School, and I wouldn't want to be a student anywhere else.



A Promise to Keep: The Gift of Human Sexuality

“A Promise to Keep” (APTK) is a character formation program that helps educate adolescents on the benefits of chastity and the gift of human sexuality. APTK is a peer-mentoring program. Older teens, who can have powerful influence over their younger peers, explain God’s gift of sexuality and challenge younger adolescents to uphold the virtue of chastity. The high school student mentors demonstrate that they prize chaste behavior and are proud to be a part of this community of trust. Peer mentors help prepare younger adolescents for the “real world” and encourage them to be uncompromising in their show of respect for themselves and others.



During the 2014-15 program year, there were approximately 360 high school students who served as peer mentors in APTK. There were 30 teachers who volunteered to assist with the training of these mentors at the Catholic high schools in the Indianapolis area. These high school mentors presented the APTK lessons to approximately 4,500 adolescents in grades 6, 7, and 8, primarily in the Indianapolis and surrounding area schools.

This year, there are approximately 375 high school students serving as peer mentors, and 35 teachers have volunteered to assist with the training and formation of these high school students in the APTK program. Our estimated outreach in grades 6, 7, and 8 will remain about the same at 4,500 adolescents.

Since its inception in 1994, more than 10,000 high school students have served as mentors in APTK. The average age of the mentors and former mentors is now about 28 years old. They are living out their faith on college campuses, in the military, and in the workplace. They are coming to the Church to receive the sacrament of matrimony. Many are now parents with children entering our schools. These mentors and former mentors have taught the APTK program to more than 110,000 adolescents throughout the archdiocese.

APTK is co-sponsored by St. Vincent Health and the Archdiocese and is made possible by the support of a number of generous donors.

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)

2014-2015 CYO Program Participation

Athletic Participants	15,625
Adult Coaches	2,377
Music Contest Participants	925
Science Fair Participants	105
Summer Campers	1,807
Spring Camp Group Members	1,776
Fall Camp Group Members	3,176



One of the most recognized logos in the Catholic community, the CYO logo certainly says a lot. Of course, the C stands for Catholic and assures that all CYO programs model the Catholic faith and the Gospel values for all participants. The Y is for youth, and CYO ministers to 20,000 boys and girls each year in grades 4 through 12 with a myriad of programs that are spiritual, cultural, social, and educational in nature. The O stands for organization, and CYO organizes athletic competitions in 14 different sports for boys and girls. It organizes and maintains an extensive summer residential camping program and year-round outdoor education and leadership classes at Camp Rancho Framasa. And, it organizes an annual science fair, music contest and honors music recital, and a chess league competition for youth to enjoy.



The CYO logo tells the story of a remarkable partnership with the Catholic Church, Catholic schools, and tens of thousands of Catholic families who have participated in CYO programs and activities over the last 175 years. We are so proud of all that has been accomplished, and we thank you for being part of the CYO story. Visit www.cyoarchindy.org to learn more.

"An Incredibly Awesome Journey"

Written by Dominic - 8th Grader at St. Michael-St. Gabriel Archangels Catholic Elementary School



I have been in St. Michael-St. Gabriel all my life. I love my Catholic school because, for me, the most important thing is diversity. SMSG is an extremely diverse community, which is absolutely incredible. St. Michael- St. Gabriel has been a place where I have learned so many things and made so many great friends.



SMSG also has a great staff that honestly want to make sure that every student is taken care of. St. Michael - St. Gabriel also obviously cherishes the faith. For me, not being Catholic, I can say that the way SMSG is teaching their religion classes is definitely not exclusive or targeted to Catholics only. And regarding church, I can say that Father Michael Hoyt and Father Michael O'Mara are so enthusiastic and happy to be there. They always manage to make you smile.

St. Michael-St. Gabriel has definitely been an amazing place to be a student, and being as I am in 8th Grade, I can say with confidence that this has been an incredibly awesome journey.



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOL VALUES:

Scholarship and Career Achievement Awards

This year's *Celebrating Catholic School Values Event* was the 20th annual celebration of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Twenty years ago, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and a group of individuals who were passionate about Catholic education had the vision of bringing together pastors, teachers, administrators, and supporters and benefactors from central and southern Indiana to celebrate the good work of Catholic schools and to honor graduates who have gone on to contribute to their communities.

The *Celebrating Catholic School Values Event* has raised over \$15 million for students throughout the archdiocese since its inception and continues to focus on assisting all families in accessing a high quality Catholic education. Over the years, the emphasis of fundraising has changed, and so too has the approach to the *Celebrating Catholic School Values Event*. For years, the celebration was a dinner in a spacious ballroom at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. The event is now shorter, less formal, and less costly. All of the changes over the years have been made in an effort to focus on making Catholic schools accessible to as many families as possible.

The most significant developments occurred during the 2011-2012 school year, when state-funded vouchers first became available to allow families facing financial barriers the ability to choose the private or parochial school of their choice. To promote this major improvement of public policy, the archdiocese's Office of Catholic Schools and Office of Stewardship and Development focused on the benefits of Indiana Tax Credit Scholarships and their connection to Indiana school vouchers. Because of this new focus, the event has raised nearly \$10 million just in the last two years.

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of so many, thousands of children and their families throughout Indiana now have the opportunity to attend the Catholic school of their choice. Because of this stewardship, many parents now have the opportunity to give the gift of a Catholic education to their children.

The impact of vouchers and tax credit scholarships on Catholic schools in the Archdiocese has been dramatic. This school year, because so many received tax credit scholarships in previous years, almost 7,700 students are receiving a voucher to attend the Catholic school of their choice.

Interested in donating to provide a scholarship for a child to attend the school of his choice AND receive a 50% credit on your state tax liability?

It's as easy as 1-2-3!

- 1** Fill out the IQE Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) donation form or visit www.i4qed.org to donate online.
 - An individual or business can donate by check, stock/securities or credit/debit card.
 - There are no limits to how much or how often a donor can contribute.
 - Those with an Indiana tax liability will receive a 50 percent credit against their state taxes.
 - Unused tax credits may be carried forward for up to nine years. No refunds are available for unused credits.
 - No more than \$7.5M in tax credits may be awarded through the program during the state fiscal year (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015).
 - Donors may be eligible for up to a 35 percent federal tax deduction.
 - Donors may direct their donation to fund scholarships at a specific school but not a specific student.

- 2** Mail your completed SGO donation form along with your check or stock/security information to:

Institute for Quality Education
101 W. Ohio St. Suite 700
Indianapolis, IN 46204

 - The Institute for Quality Education (IQE) is a 501(c)3 charitable organization authorized by the state of Indiana to administer the school scholarship tax credit program.
 - IQE partners with eligible schools to raise funds and award scholarships to eligible students in grades K-12.

- 3** Receive your tax credit certification number and a receipt for each donation.
 - Upon receipt of a completed donor form and donation, IQE will request your tax credit certification number from the Indiana Department of Revenue.
 - Typically, 7-10 business days after receiving your donation, IQE will mail you a tax credit certification number to be used when filing your state taxes and a letter of receipt for your donation.

Don't wait to donate! Last year, almost all of the \$7.5M in tax credits were awarded.

Contact Rosemary O'Brien in the Office of Stewardship and Development at (317) 236-1568 / robrien@archindy.org to learn more or to make a donation.



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