Dear friends,

Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, our Catholic schools “educate a city.” With nearly 27,000 students enrolled in 85 elementary schools and 16 high schools, and thousands of alumni working across the 10 counties of southeastern Wisconsin, the positive impact of Catholic education is tangible.

From small rural elementary schools to large urban and suburban high schools, our students are being formed with purpose in the values of our faith, allowing them to reach their fullest potential. This report highlights just some of the ways our schools are improving student outcomes, strengthening families and making a difference in their communities.

As schools across the country work to close the learning loss gap that so many students experienced during the pandemic, our Catholic schools have continued to excel in keeping students on track. The innovative approach of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has created models for other dioceses to emulate — models that will assist in keeping Catholic schools viable for years to come.

Don’t take my word for it. I invite you to take a look at the data and hear from some of our outstanding graduates and the business leaders who work with them. I think you will agree that Catholic schools are needed now more than ever, giving hope to students, families and our communities throughout southeastern Wisconsin.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee
Mission. Schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are committed to educational excellence and a Catholic culture that fosters faith, service and personal responsibility, all in the name of Jesus.

Vision. Catholic schools transform our local and global communities into centers of faith, hope and charity by educating students to be disciples of Jesus Christ.
EDUCATING STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL THROUGH FAITH, ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITY.
Through dedicated, in-person learning environments, Catholic schools have sustained their mission, even in the face of difficult times, to provide excellent education. Despite the challenges schools across the region faced these past few years in providing classroom learning, students in Catholic schools continue to stay on track.

Seton Catholic Schools, a system of 11 elementary schools in Milwaukee, serves the largest number of students enrolled through the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. Student academic performance showed strong results for the 2021-22 academic year. Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing showed students grew on average 132% in Math and 128% in English.

According to the U.S. Department of Education’s National Assessment of Educational Progress report, Catholic schools outperformed public and charter schools in key categories, including math and reading scores. Academic performance data for Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic schools indicate a similar trend.
INSTILLING STUDENTS WITH A MORAL COMPASS THAT GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM.
The holistic nature of Catholic education integrates important life values like compassion, integrity, leadership and unity — values that employers desire and communities need to thrive.

In a survey of Catholic and public high school graduates, ranking how their school scored on teaching core values, alumni from Catholic high schools rated their schools higher on a scale of 0-5.

- **Compassion**: 4.2 vs. 2.8
- **Leadership**: 4.0 vs. 2.9
- **Teamwork**: 3.9 vs. 2.9
Teamwork

Unity

3.8 vs. 2.7
PARTNERING WITH PARENTS TO BUILD STRONGER FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.
When choosing a school, survey results show that parents of all backgrounds prioritize a safe learning environment, strong character development and challenging academics as the most important characteristics. Our Catholic schools embody these values through mission-driven faculty and staff, high parental involvement and a curriculum consistent with foundational truths that support families.

“The Power of Choice” Currently, 73 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee participate in Wisconsin’s Private School Choice programs. For the 2021-22 school year, 12,319 students were enrolled through School Choice, giving more families the ability to choose a school that fits their child’s needs, and our children an even greater opportunity for academic success.
“We teach you like family” is more than just a slogan you hear at Catholic schools. Parents report their children’s school experience strengthens family bonds. All faculty in Catholic Schools receive training in the certification program, Sustaining the Mission. An emphasis on respecting parents as the primary educators of their children helps foster positive relationships between home and school.
“The benefit that we have seen from our child is that he is more respectful, more polite and likes to pray. And we pray more now as a family at meals.”

– JOSÉ, PARENT

“We share more time together. We go to church. That’s definitely something we started doing after my kids started going to Catholic schools.”

– FRANK, PARENT
CATHOLIC EDUCATION — MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITIES.
Catholic schools operate as intentional communities, in service to the local community. Students, families, faculty and staff experience authentic kinship and connection, impacting their sense of belonging and a higher purpose. Graduates bring this experience to the workplace and their communities, demonstrating greater preparedness, leadership and civic engagement.

Data points from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s High School Study suggest that on a scale of 0-5, Catholic school graduates compared to public and charter schools ...

- Manage multiple responsibilities: 4.5 vs. 3.8
- Are more likely to take on leadership roles: 4.1 vs. 3.3
- Communicate better verbally: 4.4 vs. 3.9
Communicate better in writing

4.5 vs. 4.0
“In my experience in the private sector and with Seton Catholic Schools, graduates of Catholic schools were always ready with the skills required to accomplish our goals — the values of hard work, respect and care for others, and personal integrity. **There is an intellectual honesty that these graduates bring to their lives and to their work.** Graduates of Catholic schools stand out for their abilities.”

— JOAN M. SHAFER
RETIRE EXECUTIVE
VICE PRESIDENT, WEC ENERGY GROUP.
FORMER CEO SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

“Business leaders value academically prepared graduates that have ethical and moral qualities. Catholic schools provide education that is Christ-centered and forms men and women with a moral compass to lead and contribute to their businesses, communities, governments and families.”

— SHARON DEGUZMAN
MANAGING DIRECTOR, SENIOR PORTFOLIO MANAGER, BAIRD ADVISORS, MILWAUKEE
The word is in – our graduates highly value their Catholic education experience.

The Catholic school difference has a direct impact on post-graduation outcomes and opportunities. Numerous alumni testimonies highlight how their Catholic education experience continues to impact their contributions at work, in their families and within their communities.

**Graduates from Catholic schools** consistently demonstrate the value of their education with higher outcomes in college and beyond than their public school peers.

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<td>57% vs. 35%</td>
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“I am grateful for the support I received and the **values instilled**, which have proven invaluable for my career in medicine.”

— **ADDISON**, ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON, CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ‘93

“At Dominican, we learned that **service, commitment, respect** and **emotional intelligence** would be necessary to excel in all aspects of our future lives. These values would be necessary at home, at work and in our communities.”

— **J. R.**, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE (NOW NORTHWEST CATHOLIC), DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL ‘13
Across the **10 COUNTIES** of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, from urban neighborhoods to rural towns, **85 CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY** and **16 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS** are positively impacting life in southeastern Wisconsin for students, their families and communities. Parish and donor support, along with the growth of the School Choice programs in our schools, continue to help make Catholic education accessible and affordable to more families who desire all that Catholic schools have to offer. Alumni, families and community leaders are thankful for the difference Catholic schools have made for **OVER 175 YEARS** and look forward to a bright future.
SCHOOLS IN THE
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Elementary Schools
All Saints Catholic School, Kenosha
Blessed Sacrament, Milwaukee
Blessed Savior Catholic School, Milwaukee
Burlington Catholic, Burlington
Catholic East Elementary, Milwaukee*
Christ Child Academy, Sheboygan
Christ King School, Wauwatosa
Divine Mercy, South Milwaukee
Divine Savior Catholic School, Fredonia
Holy Angels, West Bend
Holy Apostles School, New Berlin
Holy Family, Whitefish Bay
Holy Trinity, Kewaskum
Holyland Catholic School, Malone
John Paul II Academy, Racine**
Lumen Christi, Mequon
Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy, West Allis*
Messmer Catholic Schools, Milwaukee
Mother of Good Counsel, Milwaukee
Nativity Jesuit Academy, Milwaukee
Northwest Catholic School, Milwaukee*
Notre Dame School of Milwaukee, Milwaukee
Our Lady of Grace Academy, Racine**
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Milwaukee*
Prince of Peace, Milwaukee*
Shepherd of the Hills, Eden
St. Adalbert, Milwaukee
St. Agnes, Butler
St. Alphonsus, Greendale
St. Andrew Parish School, Delavan
St. Anthony School, Milwaukee
St. Anthony on the Lake, Pewaukee
St. Boniface, Germantown
St. Bruno, Dousman
St. Catherine School, Milwaukee*
St. Charles, Hartland
St. Charles Borromeo, Milwaukee*
St. Dominic, Brookfield
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Sheboygan
St. Eugene, Fox Point
St. Frances Cabrini, West Bend
St. Francis Borgia, Cedarburg
St. Francis de Sales School, Lake Geneva
St. Gabriel, Hubertus
St. Gregory the Great, Milwaukee
St. Jerome Parish School, Oconomowoc
St. Joan of Arc, Nashotah
St. John Paul II Catholic School, Milwaukee
St. John the Baptist, Plymouth
St. John the Evangelist, Greenfield
St. John Vianney, Brookfield
St. John XXIII, Port Washington
St. Josaphat, Milwaukee
St. Joseph, Wauwatosa
St. Joseph, Racine**
St. Joseph, Big Bend
St. Joseph Catholic Academy, Kenosha
St. Joseph Parish School, Grafton
St. Jude the Apostle, Wauwatosa
St. Katharine Drexel School, Beaver Dam
St. Kilian, Hartford
St. Leonard, Muskego
St. Lucy, Racine**
St. Margaret Mary, Milwaukee*
St. Mary, Mayville
St. Mary, Hales Corners
St. Mary Parish School, Menomonee Falls
St. Mary’s Springs Academy, Fond du Lac
St. Mary’s Visitation, Elm Grove
St. Matthew, Campbellsport
St. Matthew, Oak Creek
St. Matthias, Milwaukee
St. Monica, Whitefish Bay
St. Peter, Slinger
St. Peter, East Troy
St. Rafael the Archangel, Milwaukee*
St. Rita, Racine**
St. Robert, Shorewood
St. Roman Parish School, Milwaukee*
St. Sebastian, Milwaukee
St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, Milwaukee*
St. Vincent Pallotti, Milwaukee
Waukesha Catholic School System, Waukesha
Wauwatosa Catholic, Wauwatosa

High Schools
Catholic Central High School, Burlington
Catholic Memorial High School, Waukesha
Chesterton Academy, Menomonee Falls
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Milwaukee
Divine Savior Holy Angels High School, Milwaukee
Dominican High School, Whitefish Bay
Marquette University High School, Milwaukee
Messmer High School, Milwaukee
Pius XI Catholic High School, Milwaukee
St. Anthony High School, Milwaukee
St. Catherine’s High School, Racine**
St. Joan Antida High School, Milwaukee
St. Joseph Catholic Academy High School, Kenosha
St. Lawrence Seminary, Mt. Calvary
St. Mary’s Springs Academy, Fond du Lac
St. Thomas More High School, Milwaukee

* a Seton Catholic School
** a Siena Catholic School
101 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

20,246 Total Enrollment of Elementary Schools

Archdiocese of Milwaukee ranked 14th in total number of students in Catholic schools among all the archdioceses/dioceses in the United States & 8th in total number of schools.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT of HIGH SCHOOLS 6,723

73 Total Elementary & Middle School Schools in the Parental Choice Program

1,803 Professional Staff

179 YEARS OF service

676 Secondary School Professional Staff