

Dear Parents and Supporters of Catholic Education,

On behalf of all our students and teachers, thank you for your partnership in the ministry of Catholic education. This year, the Catholic Schools Office has published an annual report highlighting the distinct mission of our Catholic schools and their achievements. I would like to share this report, titled *The Measure of Success*, which highlights events and statistics from the 2021-2022 school year. Through your support and prayers, our 14 diocesan schools, four early learning centers, and four independent Catholic schools are centers of ministry and evangelization where spiritual, academic, athletic, and artistic development is fostered by incredible teachers, administrators, and staff.

More and more, we see Catholic education as a crucial component not only in preparing students for life but also for propagating our Catholic faith. The young people who attend our schools are formed in our faith and acquire the habits, discipline, and worldview needed in our society. With this foundation, our students are prepared to take their place as future faith-led leaders in the Church as well as in their families and careers.

I invite you to continue to share in this crucial mission of Catholic education within our parishes, our diocese, and the Church and the engagement of schools within the Church community. Even more, I ask you to consider the importance of sharing this mission as a vital priority for all Catholics.

Jesus says to go out and teach, to bring souls to Heaven, to "tell the good news." To tell the good news, we must teach it, both in the classroom and through the communal support of the church and its liturgy, tradition, and sacraments.

The Diocese of Birmingham Catholic Schools belong to all of us within the geographic region of our diocese, and we as a diocese should be nothing but proud of the excellence they each have attained and produced over such a long history.

Please enjoy and share *The Measure of Success*. An electronic version of the report can be found at <u>https://bhmdiocese.org/schools</u> or through the QR code below.

Thank you for your consideration of this report, for your support of our schools, and, most of all, for your prayers.

Sincerely, Margaret Dubose

Margaret Dubose

Superintendent of Schools



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