Witness the difference Catholic Education makes

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Orlando integrate faith and values into every part of the educational experience. Whether in the classroom or church, on the athletic field or stage, and especially in the community, our students are encouraged to live and act as Jesus did, when he walked the earth. Our goal is to educate the whole child, in mind, body and spirit.

We firmly believe a Catholic education gives students a strong foundation as members of society and the Catholic community.

Faith

Our students grow in their love and knowledge of Christ through a solid religious curriculum, daily prayer before school and each class, as well as in the regular celebration of Mass, seasonal liturgical prayer services and events, and through charitable giving. The regular presence of our parish priests and religious sisters, visits from Bishop John Noonan, and the everyday guidance from our teachers who serve as role models of faith, enhance the spiritual experience of each child and set Catholic schools apart from other educational institutions.

Knowledge

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Orlando exemplify a culture of academic excellence designed to help our children thrive as they grow in their intellect and ability to reason. With an emphasis on religion, language arts, reading, mathematics, social studies, science, physical education and fine arts, our curriculum focuses on the growth of the whole child. Data shows our students continually score higher on standardized tests compared to their public-school peers. A notable 99% of our high school graduates go to college or join the military.

Service

Throughout the year, students undertake a number of service projects, from collecting food for the local poor to helping construct classrooms in the mountains of the Dominican Republic. Catholic schools help students discover their God-given gifts and talents and teaches them to use their gifts in service to others. It is in sharing our gifts with others that we truly show gratitude to God.

38,000+ Number of service hours high schools seniors performed. Overall, our students give more than 100,000 service hours each year.
Receive the word of God, not as the word of men, but as it truly is, the word of God.
1 Thes 2:13

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

What is the Word of God? The Word of God is our faith. It is the handing down from generation to generation the gift of God's love to one another. It is the enlightenment of our soul toward God. It is the delight of our spirit.

The Word of God is knowledge. Pope Francis said, “Faith-knowledge, because it is born of God's covenantal love, is knowledge which lights up a path in history. That is why, in the Bible, truth and fidelity go together: the true God is the God of fidelity who keeps his promises and makes possible, in time, a deeper understanding of his plan.”

The Word of God is service. If we have faith in our heart and knowledge of our faith, the Holy Spirit will compel us to serve God and our neighbor.

Each year I visit with our students, faculty, staff, parents and volunteers of our Catholic schools and I am greeted with the Word of God by their participation in the Sacraments; by their integration of faith and knowledge; and by their service to one another in the Lord's name.

Our faculty, staff and students, from as far as the Dominican Republic to Ocala to Ormond Beach to Lakeland to Melbourne to Kissimmee to Orlando, are living the Word of God. I pray with gratitude for this gift of hope.

In this annual report, you will also receive the gift of hope. Turn its pages to discover the beauty of faith, knowledge and service as lived by God's holy people.

Thank you for your generosity of spirit in supporting the ministry of our Catholic schools. May we receive God in His Word that faith, knowledge and service be ever present upon our mind, our lips, and our heart.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John Noonan | Bishop of Orlando
Our Schools

Brevard County
Melbourne Central Catholic High School*
Ascension Catholic School*
Divine Mercy Catholic Academy*
Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School*
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School
Our Savior Catholic School*
St. Joseph Catholic School, Palm Bay*
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Lake County
St. Paul Catholic School

Marion County
Trinity Catholic High School
Blessed Trinity Catholic School
Queen of Peace Children's House Montessori

Orange County
Bishop Moore Catholic High School
Good Shepherd Catholic School*
Holy Family Catholic School*
Morning Star Catholic School
Resurrection Catholic Church Preschool
St. Andrew Catholic School*
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School*
St. James Cathedral School*
St. John Vianney Catholic School*
St. Margaret Mary Catholic School*
St. Patrick Preschool
St. Peter and Paul Early Learning Center

Osceola County
Holy Redeemer Catholic School
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School

Seminole County
All Souls Catholic School*
Annunciation Catholic Academy*
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School*

Polk County
Santa Fe Catholic High School
Resurrection Catholic School*, Lakeland
St. Anthony Catholic School
St. Joseph Academy, Lakeland
St. Joseph Catholic School, Winter Haven

Volusia County
Father Lopez Catholic High School
Basilica School of St. Paul
Little Blessings Preschool
Lourdes Academy*
Sacred Heart Catholic School*
St. Brendan Catholic School
St. Peter Catholic School

Florida Catholic Conference. Every seven years, schools are re-accredited to ensure that they are providing the best environment for academic growth and faith formation for all students. Catholic high schools are accredited through AdvancED, the largest accrediting agency in the world.

In addition, Catholic school teachers in the Diocese of Orlando are certified through the Florida Department of Education (FDOE).

I like that my school and church are a close community.
-- Emma, Ascension Catholic School, Melbourne

(*) Indicates Blue Ribbon School: nationally recognized for academic excellence.
What our students are saying about their Catholic education:

**What I like about Catholic school is that we always get a connection to God and our teachers instruct us how to make that connection. Also, our classrooms feel safe, and we have a whole Catholic family around us.**

--- Sofia, Good Shepherd Catholic School, Orlando

**I love my Catholic education because it allows me to challenge myself in all aspects of my life, including my academics, physical ability and my faith.**

--- Melanie, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, St. Cloud

**I have been given a once in a lifetime opportunity that many are not as fortunate to have: the ability to speak and engage with God everyday as part of my education. It has created an unbreakable bond between me and my father in heaven.**

--- Alex, Father Lopez Catholic High School, Daytona Beach

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**Superintendent’s Message**

May the Peace of Christ be with You!

The Diocese of Orlando Catholic schools first and foremost exist to bring the light and hope of Christ into our world. Catholic education is not for just the privileged but for ALL God’s children. As institutions of evangelization, we are compelled by our faith to provide nothing but excellence in every area whether spiritual, social, academic or physical. Ultimately, the job of Catholic schools is to make Saints.

Catholic Education is a gift! It is a gift to the student, to our community and to our nation. Studies have consistently shown that Catholic school graduates donate more money, time and are more actively involved in civic duties than any other type of graduate. The value a student and family receives is priceless because of the impact into the very fiber of the student, which forms them for a future with limitless possibilities.

In Scripture, there is the analogy of God being the potter and we are the clay. Michelangelo, the great 16th century Italian artist, said when asked about how he does such beautiful sculptures, “I saw the angel in the marble and I carved until I set it free.” In many ways, our Catholic educators are modern day artists in the Michelangelo tradition. The students that enter our Catholic schools are already created in a unique way with a variety of gifts. It is through the love and artistry of our faith-filled teachers that they are able to facilitate the development of our students into the fullness of their humanity as God created them to be from the moment of their conception.

As a universal church, the Catholic schools of the Diocese are called to serve all God’s children. I personally thank the Catholic giants, whose shoulders we stand upon today, the countless religious and priests who pass the light of Christ to us today; and finally to all the benefactors through campaigns or Our Catholic Appeal who continue to make this ministry possible. May the generosity and love you have given come back to you tenfold for God sees all we do.

Pax et Bonum,

Henry Fortier | Secretary for Education
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Who we serve

14,673 The number of students we serve.

1,829 Children ages infant to PreK (0-4 years old)

9,675 Elementary/middles schools students (grades K-8)

3,169 High school students (grades 9-12)

The Diocese of Orlando has five high schools, 31 parish schools, five early childhood centers, and one K-12 special needs school in Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, Brevard, Lake, Volusia and Marion counties.

Enrollment is up...again

For the sixth consecutive year, enrollment in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Orlando was up with an increased enrollment of 191 students. According to the NCEA, in 2015-2016, the Diocese of Orlando ranked 41st out of 175 dioceses in the nation for the number of students enrolled, and Florida ranked sixth among the states.
Four standalone early learning centers (ELC) in the Diocese of Orlando were accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference (FCC) in Spring 2016. The schools are the first such ELCs in the state to be accredited by the FCC.

The directors of the schools – Nery Naya of Sts. Peter and Paul Early Learning Center in Winter Park; Denise Williams of Resurrection Preschool in Winter Garden; and Denise Harris of St. Patrick Early Learning Center in Mt. Dora – received the school’s official Certificate of Accreditation during a special presentation at the Diocese of Orlando Office of Catholic Schools Leadership Meeting, held on August 25. Doubra Wariebi of Queen of Peace Children’s House Montessori School received her school’s certificate at a later date.

While most PreK programs in the diocese are associated with a parish elementary/middle schools, and therefore, are accredited by the FCC though their respective schools, standalone centers are tied to a parish without a school. In early 2015, the FCC introduced the new set of standards for standalone ELCs.

To be accredited, the school administration had to provide documentation noting the school’s compliance with the newly developed Florida Catholic Conference Early Education Program Standards, Benchmarks, and Indicators. The centers were evaluated in the areas of Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality. They also documented compliance with Florida Department of Education/Office of Early Learning Health and Safety Requirements for Non-Public Schools, as well as the Florida Catholic Conference Health and Safety Indicators for Early Learning Programs.

This year-long process culminated with a two-day, on-site visit in April by a professional team from the FCC. The certification became effective on July 1.

“This accreditation is noteworthy accomplishments for our early learning centers because the standards that the Florida Catholic Conference holds are higher than what our other state agencies require for our schools,” said Henry Fortier, Secretary of Education and Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

Staff Highlight

Thank you to James Cooney, Associate Superintendent for Catholic Schools, who prepared the ELCs for the accreditation process!
Elementary/Middle Schools PreK-8

Beyond the classroom walls

We know that forming the whole child goes beyond the classroom walls. Each of our schools offers a myriad of athletic and extracurricular opportunities to round out the academic and spiritual opportunities found on our campuses. Here is a sampling of the offerings found throughout our schools. Please visit the school websites for a list of their activities.

Athletics
- Basketball
- Cheerleading/Dance
- Cross Country
- Flag Football
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Pep Squad
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball

Extracurricular Activities
- Altar Servers
- Band
- Beta Club
- Bible Study
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Choir
- D.A.R.E.
- Drama Club/Performing Arts
- Duke Talent Identification Program
- Fencing
- Gardening Club
- Geography Bee
- Handbell Choir
- Literary Magazine
- Liturgical Dancing/Music Ensemble
- Media Production
- National Junior Honor Society
- Nursing Home “Grand Kids”
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Orchestra
- Peer Helpers
- Recycling Club
- Robotics
- Safety Patrol
- School Newspaper
- Science and Math Olympiad
- Science Fair
- Scouts – Boy and Girl
- Speech contests
- Spelling Bee
- Student Council
- Taekwando
- Yearbook
- Young Astronaut Club

2016 Iowa Assessments Results

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Did you know?

Our students not only participate in the regular celebration of Mass, but they also plan the celebration as a class and serve as cantors, readers, ushers and members of the choir.

53%

Percentage of 8th graders who went to Catholic high school.
Morning Star Catholic School, the only Catholic school in the Diocese of Orlando that exclusively serves children with special needs, undertook two major projects to better serve its students. The first was the transformation of a campus building and the other a new program to teach young men and women how to live independently or semi-independently after graduating from high school.

Students now have a contemporary and spacious place to learn, socialize, and get fit. During the 2015-2016 academic year, the school’s Student Life Center underwent a complete transformation.

A storage area was replaced with a modern, commercial kitchen where students not only learn how to prep and cook an array of dishes, but also, how to properly clean their work area. Visitors are often treated to their culinary creations. The large, open area also received a makeover with new carpeting, furniture and special lighting that is conducive to students with special needs. Lastly, an exercise room was added thanks to the support of Planet Fitness and the Dr. David Dore Family of St. Margaret Mary’s parish community.

Sandra Cooney, principal of Morning Star, said having the new Student Life Center has been a blessing to the school community. Not only does it offer a space for visiting groups to meet, but more importantly, it allows all of the students to gather as a whole.

Also new is Morning Star’s Transition Program for postsecondary students. Taught by a certified teacher, students 22 years and older learn how to work with others, how to behave in a work setting, and how to complete assigned tasks. In addition, they learn life skills such as cooking, cleaning, and managing basic and personal budgets.

Participants also gain “real world” experience, at local businesses. Two job coaches on staff help them hone their skills. The school purchased two vans and hired drivers to transport students to their jobs.

“The supportive teaching environment at Morning Star School allows me to instill independence, provide spiritual growth, and serve the specific needs of our children. I am blessed to be a part of the MSS team!”

--- Morning Star Catholic School teacher
High Schools

727 young men and women graduated from our Catholic high schools.

That's a 100% graduation rate

99% are attending college or have joined the military

Military pride
These four young men and women were accepted into a military academy. We are proud of their accomplishments and pray for their health and safety during their studies and ultimate service to our country.

U.S. Naval Academy
Jack McMahan
Graduate of Bishop Moore Catholic High School and St. James Cathedral School

U.S. Naval Academy
Kathia Castaneda
Graduate of Trinity Catholic High School and Blessed Trinity Catholic School

U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Sam Savard
Graduate of Bishop Moore Catholic High School and St. James Cathedral School

U.S. Air Force Academy
Cassidy Prusak
Graduate of Trinity Catholic High School and Blessed Trinity Catholic School

We are the Champions!
High school athletic teams enjoyed a banner year, claiming several state, conference and regional championships!

• Bishop Moore Catholic High School had two state championship teams – Girls’ Volleyball and Football. Athletes were regional champions in Girls’ Volleyball, Football, Boys’ Golf, Boys’ Soccer, Girls’ Soccer, Girls’ Basketball and Baseball

• Santa Fe Catholic High School football team showed they were tough on the field as well, taking the Sunshine State Athletic Conference Championship.

• Trinity Catholic High School boasts regional winning athletes in Boys’ Swimming, Girls’ Golf, Girls’ Volleyball, Competitive Cheer, and Boys’ Track and Field.

• Melbourne Catholic High School came out on top as district champions in Boys’ Lacrosse, Baseball and in Track and Field. The baseball team was also regional champions and made a Final Four Appearance. Individuals claimed regional and district championship placings in Track and Field.

• Father Lopez Catholic High School Boys Cross Country team claimed regional and state championships.

$34.2+ million
Amount of scholarship money earned by the Class of 2016

2016 SAT Results

2016 ACT Results

Diocese of Orlando Florida National

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Four realize dream

Four students, who began their educations in a one-room school house in a remote region in the Dominican Republic, realized a dream that some say was impossible -- they graduated from Catholic high school in the Diocese of Orlando.

Scarlyn Maria De Los Santos Nova and Alfredo Victoriano Vicente, graduates of Father Lopez Catholic High School in Daytona Beach, and Wendis Pinales Luciano and Johan Pinales, graduates of Trinity Catholic High School in Ocala, are from an extremely poor region of our sister diocese in San Juan de la Maguana. They left behind friends and family to attend Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Orlando on a scholarship that has changed their lives and will impact their communities back home for years to come.

“Graduating from high school represents for them recognition of who they are and the potential they have for doing good for their communities and the world at large,” said Ursuline Sister Bernadette Mackay, director of the Diocese of Orlando Mission Office.

They are the second group of students from the Dominican Republic to graduate from a Diocese of Orlando Catholic high school.

Luis Jose Aybar De Los Santos and Blander Brioso graduated from Bishop Moore Catholic School in Orlando last year.

Three of the graduates continued their education, attending college in the United States.

“Catholic education leads to a successful continuation of Christ’s love in school and beyond. This helps us have a life that has the proper connection of faith and knowledge.”

– Miguel, Blessed Trinity Catholic School, Ocala

Dominican Republic

Students in our sister diocese, the Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana in the Dominican Republic, continued to make strides in their educations. Here are the highlights of our work overseas, according to Ursuline Sister Bernadette Mackay, director of the diocesan Mission Office:

• Eleven students from the Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana were granted scholarships to attend one of the five high schools located in the Diocese of Orlando.
• Four students graduated from high school in the Diocese of Orlando. (See article left.)
• Three DR teachers earned their bachelor’s degree. Ten years ago, these women could not read and write.
• Two children qualified for nationals in the country’s math competition. They competed against students in more affluent schools.
• Bishop Moore Catholic High School and Father Lopez Catholic High School each sponsored mission trips. Students taught English to the younger students.
• In October 2015, a teachers’ mission group spent a week offering training sessions for all Catholic school teachers.
• Parishioners in the Diocese of Orlando responded to the annual Sister Diocese collection, giving more than $448,000.
• Children in our parish and diocesan schools also gave generously to several charitable drives held throughout the year. Among the items they donate are shoes, school supplies, items for dental care and overall nutrition, as well as monetary support.

To learn more about the Diocese of Orlando Mission Office, visit www.orlandodiocese.org/ministries-offices/mission-office-welcome.
Accolades

2015-2016 Teachers of the Year as selected by their school leaders

Elementary/Middle Schools

Mary Sparks
All Souls Catholic School
Sanford

Carmela DeToma
Annunciation Catholic Academy
Altamonte Springs

Diana Cassidy
Ascension Catholic School
Melbourne

Barbara Sheppard
Basilica School of St. Paul
Daytona Beach

Bonnie Vorwerk
Blessed Trinity Catholic School
Ocala

Sheila Tubbs
Divine Mercy Catholic Academy
Mount Island

Ann Schmidt
Good Shepherd Catholic School
Orlando

Lucretia Head
Holy Family Catholic School
Orlando

Susan Asunmaa
Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School
Indiantown

Maria Vega
Holy Redeemer Catholic School
Kissimmee

Nancy Sturm
Lourdes Academy
Daytona Beach

Randy Bumgardner
Morning Star Catholic School
Orlando

Susie Markel
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School
Melbourne

Margaret Gleeson
Our Saviour Catholic School
Cocoa Beach

Lisa Schaal
Resurrection Catholic School
Lakeland

Katie Glynn
Sacred Heart Catholic School
New Smyrna Beach

Jane Jones
St. Andrew Catholic School
Orlando

Connie Porter
St. Anthony Catholic School
Lakeland

Kathleen Zimmerer
St. Brendan Catholic School
Ormond Beach

Lane Alexander
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School
Orlando

Charlotte Becker
St. James Cathedral School
Orlando

Kathy Foster
St. John Vianney Catholic School
Orlando

Marcia Boatner
St. Joseph Academy
Lakeland

Susan Horn
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Palm Bay

Colleen Blanton
St. Joseph Catholic School
Winter Haven

Barbara Danagher
St. Margaret Mary Catholic School
Winter Park

Suzanne Strain
St. Mary Catholic Church
Rockledge

Debbie Kelly
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School
Altamonte Springs

Barbara Miller
St. Paul Catholic School
Leesburg

Christie Leibner
St. Peter Catholic School
Orlando

Eileen Lunceford
St. Teresa Catholic School
Titusville

Mark Gallagher
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School
St. Cloud

High Schools

Mary Grady
Bishop Moore Catholic High School
Orlando

Sara Ball
Central Catholic High School
Melbourne

Valerie Mann-Grosso, Ed.D
Father Lopez Catholic High School
Daytona Beach

Lucille Pfund
Saint John Vianney Catholic High School
Lakeland

Jennifer Golden
Trinity Catholic School
Ocala

Mother Teresa Award Winners

St. Brendan Catholic School in Ormond Beach and Melbourne Central Catholic High School in Melbourne were awarded the annual Blessed Mother Teresa Award in recognition for service projects they completed during the 2015-2016 school year. The award is given annually to two schools in the Diocese of Orlando that demonstrate the compassion and corporal works of mercy exemplified by Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata.

St. Brendan Catholic School was recognized for reaching out to the homebound of their parish and community. Every Christmas, the eighth graders visit the elderly, bringing small gifts and singing carols. Through these ongoing visits, the students and elderly form a bond. If during the year, the homebound person dies, the students who have those established relationships serve the liturgies for their funeral.

Melbourne Catholic High School was recognized for its fundraising efforts to benefit Children’s Network Miracle Hospitals. The students raised $37,640 during a dance-a-thon on March 19. It was the highest earning high school dance marathon in Florida.

Katie Walsh receives Jenni Heneghan Leadership Award

Katie Walsh, principal of St. Margaret Mary Catholic School, has been named recipient of the first Jenni Heneghan Award. The first Jenni Heneghan Catholic School Leadership Award. Filled with emotion, she tearfully accepted the award from Superintendent Henry Fortier during the annual Teacher Kick-Off event on August 10, 2015 at Holy Family Catholic Church.

“I feel blessed and humbled to receive this very special award named for a dear friend and colleague,” Mrs. Walsh said. The award was named in honor of the late Jenni Heneghan, who served as principal of All Souls Catholic School until her death in March 2014, and is presented to an educator who exemplified the spirit, faith life and professionalism of Mrs. Heneghan.

Michael Burke receives national honor

Melbourne Central Catholic High School President Michael Burke was one of two Catholic school presidents in the nation to be recognized with top honors at the 2016 National Catholic Educational Association Convention and Expo in San Diego March 29-31. The annual award honors those who have demonstrated strong Catholic school education philosophy as well as exceptional ability, dedication and results.

“Catholic education is not just a career for me; it is truly a vocation and a way that I serve the Catholic Church,” said Michael Burke.
Melbourne Central Catholic Groundbreaking

On April 27, Bishop John Noonan; Henry Fortier, superintendent of Catholic Schools; and Michael Burke, president of Melbourne Central Catholic High School, broke ground on the construction of two buildings on the MCC campus: the Donovan Family Commons and the Erdman Automotive Group Field House.

The project was made possible through the community’s “Build to Serve” campaign, which to date has raised $3.1 million of a $3.8 million goal. It is part of a master plan that includes a total of four new buildings, and the renovation of four existing buildings, supporting infrastructure and improved traffic patterns, and security through campus.

Data Day Training

Dr. Jackie Flanigan, associate superintendent, and Dr. Joseph Belinski, director of School Planning, visited our parish schools to prepare faculty and administration for the upcoming, diocesan-wide Data Day on Sept. 2, 2016.

With the focus on continuous academic improvement for each school, each grade level, and each student, the three-hour training sessions covered the importance of data and how to use it to supplement sound teaching practices.

The teachers learned how to place students in learning groups in different disciplines (ELA, science, math, social studies); identify students with needs; assess strategic patterns and discrepancies in the classroom; and develop individual class action plans.

Technology Enhancements

Instructional technology continues to change the way teachers deliver instruction. Here are the major changes that took place during the 2015-2016 academic year, according to Margie Aguilar, Instructional Technology Director.

- **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School** added to their Technology Center and upgraded their Computer Center. The Media Center was transformed to become a Multi-Media Center.
- **Melbourne Central Catholic High School** implemented a 1:1 Chromebook program using Google for Education.
- **Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School** deployed Chromebooks to all the middle school students.
- **Father Lopez Catholic High School** upgraded their network and wireless infrastructure to implement a Bring Your Own Device program with their students. The Media Center was upgraded to host a Maker Spaces Area and one of the classrooms was converted into a TEAL Lab.
- **Lourdes Academy** upgraded its network wireless infrastructure to deploy Chromebook carts.
- **Blessed Trinity Catholic School** implemented a 1:1 iPad program in the middle school. Each classroom also has an Apple TV for the teacher to use to project content and resources from the teacher or student iPad.
- **Annunciation Catholic Academy** re-purposed rooms in the Media Center to create a Maker Space Lab.
- **St. Andrew Catholic School** upgraded the equipment in their Technology Center and is now teaching coding class and offering other courses from PreK4 to 8th grade.
- **St. Anthony Catholic School** built a TEAL Lab.

Staff Highlight

Linda Caldwell and Maria del Amo joined the OCS staff as directors of Marketing for the Central and Western regions, respectively. Along with Dawn Melcher, director of Marketing for the Eastern region, they promote Catholic education as a whole throughout the diocese and help individual schools in their marketing efforts. This unique program allows a wider and more diverse marketing reach.
Thank you for your support!

Our students and schools continue to grow and thrive thanks to the generosity of those who give to the Alive in Christ campaign. Supported by The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, Inc., the Alive in Christ campaign is a special effort designed to support the growth of the larger Church in Central Florida while helping parishes and missions meet important needs at the local level.

Among the priorities of the fund is the education of our young people. This past year, $50,000 in tuition assistance was awarded to our Catholic school students. The Office of Schools is deeply thankful to all those who have given so generously to strengthen the work of our Catholic schools.

To learn more about Alive in Christ, visit www.cfocf.org/Alive-In-Christ.

Staff Highlight

Jacqueline Abrahams supports the Diocese of Orlando’s Shared Services program, an initiative of the Finance Department that provides the back office accounting support for parishes and schools. Two schools -- St. Andrew and Holy Redeemer – participate in this diocesan effort.
Meet our staff:

**Henry Fortier**  
Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Catholic Schools

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Associate Superintendent for Catholic Schools

**Dr. Jacquelyn Flanigan**  
Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools

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School Finance/Government Programs Director

**Dr. Joseph Belinski**  
School Planning Director

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**Kathy Martin**  
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Chair Pastor, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

**Very Rev. Bradley Beaupre, C.S.C., V.F.**  
Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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Vice President of CBC Foundation.  
Community-Based Care of Central Florida

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Director of Ministry to the Sick at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Winter Park

**Rev. Matthew Mello**  
Pastor, Divine Mercy Catholic Church

**Mr. David Powers**  
President, United Legacy Bank in Longwood

**Mr. Larry Rostkowski**  
Owner, Lawrence Custom Builders

**Mr. Lou Pereira**  
Principal, Trinity Catholic High School  
Representing High Schools

**Ms. Patricia Kahle**  
Principal, Annunciation Catholic Academy  
Representing Elementary Schools

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*I have not only learned about math and science, but I have also learned how to be a good Catholic citizen and to respect others. What I love most about my school is its caring environment.*  
---Alejandra, St. John Vianney Catholic School, Orlando
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