You are Bread for the World
Diocese of Orlando Catholic Schools
2017-2018 Annual Report
My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

You are our blessing for you freely give of yourselves to others. Pope Francis said, “The Lord Jesus, by making Himself into bread broken for us, pours over us all His mercy and His love, as He did on the cross, so as to renew our hearts, our existence and our way of relating with Him and our brothers.” This is the mission of our Catholic schools, to teach our young people about the blessing of God’s love that they become blessing for one another through, with, and in Him.

Each year I visit with our students, faculty, staff, parents, and volunteers of our Catholic schools, and I am held in the arms of our merciful God. As we are nourished by His heavenly feast in the Eucharist, our young people are fed the Word of God by faculty and staff entrusted to teach them about our faith; students are given the blessing of holiness through their parents or guardians who offer service for others in Central Florida, throughout our country and across the earth, and in the leadership of our volunteers who guide our young people along the right path, as God has blessed us!

In this annual report, the Lord Jesus, Bread for the world, is the subject of each page. Discover blessing upon blessing as you read it.

Thank you for your generosity of spirit in supporting the ministry of our Catholic schools. May the Lord look upon us kindly and give us His Peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John Noonan  |  Bishop of Orlando

Our Mission

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Orlando proclaim the Gospel message within an academic environment of excellence that challenges students to be creative and critical thinkers who integrate faith, moral leadership and compassionate service in order to create a more just and humane world.
Superintendent’s Message

“Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.’ So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.”  Luke 24: 29-35

As a Catholic community, the Eucharist is at the heart of our faith and the nourishment that feeds our ministry. During the 2017-2018 school year, the Diocese of Orlando marked its 50th Anniversary. The Scripture passage from the Gospel of Luke, affectionately known as The Road to Emmaus, was selected as the Eucharistic theme for this awesome milestone.

Although the Diocese was established only 50 years ago, Catholic schools in central Florida have been evangelizing and educating the youth since 1889 with the founding of St. James Academy (currently St. James Cathedral School). As the anniversary falls within two different school years, our theme as a system of schools has been Bread for the World. During the past 129 years, our schools have produced graduates who have helped to bring God’s love and mercy into our world. The thousands of lay faculty, religious sisters and brothers, and priests during this time have served tirelessly to pass on the teachings and traditions of our Roman Catholic faith, while welcoming families from different faith traditions. We are forming our students to be bread for the world; so that through their lives, they help to nourish the poor, heal the broken, and spread God’s love.

One of our most significant endeavors this academic year was the enhancement of security measures on all school campuses. Bishop Noonan, the staff at the Office of Catholic Schools, and our school personnel take seriously the responsibility entrusted to us by God and the parents who send their children to our Catholic schools. Our Catholic schools have always worked closely with their local law enforcement, conducting regular site audits and updating security plans. However, the security and safety of our students has taken a new focus, and the Diocese of Orlando has partnered with a national security company to review current safety measures. All 42 school sites were audited, and each community received feedback on how to enhance their security.

In addition, we partnered with Catholic Charities of Central Florida to train school administrators on mental first aid. Ultimately, all 1,200+ faculty will be trained as well to help prevent issues before they become too serious.

Lastly, with the addition of diocesan staff, specifically focused in security, and in collaboration with community first responders, national security experts, and local parish/school staff, each community will have enhanced security plans based on the latest research.

Our Catholic schools continue to outperform our local and national public and private counterparts academically, in service to our local communities, in extracurricular activities, and in producing productive citizens. Our schools had a 100% graduation rate with a 98% college or military attendance rate. In humble gratitude, we thank and continue to pray for all those who have helped to make this possible through their time, talent and treasure.

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

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

**High Standards:** All early learning centers, elementary and middle schools in the Diocese of Orlando are accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference. Catholic high schools are accredited through AdvancEd. To further promote our Catholic schools’ mission, all schools are evaluated using the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools.

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Number of students served

Enrollment decreased 136 students from the previous academic year.

**Ethnicity**
- White: 48.4%
- Hispanic: 6.9%
- Black: 29.9%
- Asian: 7%
- Multi-Race: 6.7%
- Hawaiian: 0.5%
- American Indian: 0.2%

**Grade level**
- Infant/Toddler: 0.5%
- Pre-K (including VPK): 1,511
- Elementary (K-5): 6,221
- Middle School (6-8): 3,317
- High School (9-12): 3,251
- Ungraded (Morning Star and others): 76

**Religious Affiliation**
- Catholic: 16.9%
- Non-Catholic: 81.4%
- Unknown: 1.7%
Morning Star Catholic School

68
Number of students

56
Number of students who attended classes at Bishop Moore Catholic High School and/or St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School

1
Number of graduates

15
Number of Transition Program participants

100% of Transition Program participants work in the community

Places where they are working:
Dubsdread, Golden Corral, Teak Neighborhood Grill, Publix, Walgreens, Risse Brothers Uniforms and Winter Park Community Center
Spiritually Formed

205,000+
Documented student service hours

53
Major service projects conducted by our high schools. Our elementary and middle school students also participate in a multitude of service projects, serving their parishes, schools, communities and the Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana, our sister diocese in the Dominican Republic.

212
Formal spiritual retreats held for students and/or faculty

53%
of students headed to a Catholic high school

1,209
6th and 11th grade students explored vocations during Focus 11
Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta Award

presented annually to one elementary and one Catholic high school that demonstrate the compassion and corporal works of mercy exemplified by Saint Mother Teresa.

7th and 8th grade students at Lourdes Academy, Daytona Beach, created a Social Justice Team to help the poor and vulnerable, namely children in foster care, in their community.

Dania ’18, Bishop Moore Catholic received the 2018 Youth Virtues, Valor, and Vision Award from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) for selfless service, determination, innovation, and ideals that are changing the world. Dania was chosen from more than 1.9 million Catholic school students across the country. She was presented with the prestigious NCEA Medal of Honor and Certificate on January 26 during the Catholic Schools Week Mass at Bishop Moore, celebrated by Bishop Noonan.

Students at Santa Fe Catholic High Schools, Lakeland, spent an entire semester making fleece, hand-tied blankets for veterans and victims of hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

It is in making themselves a gift to others that they find their true self.

Dan Boyd, director of Campus Ministry, Bishop Moore Catholic
Rigorous Academics

Our students continually score above national norms on standardized tests.

Our students continually score above national norms on ACT/SAT exams.

393

Number of students inducted into Duke TIP, a gifted education program based at Duke University

Julie M. ‘18, Bishop Moore, earned a perfect score on the AP Spanish Language and Cultural exam. She was one of 46 students nationwide (.3%) to achieve this feat.
$46.6 million
Amount of college scholarships earned by high school graduates

376
Number of colleges and universities to which our graduates were accepted

725
Number of students who graduated (100% of seniors!)

725
Graduates headed to college or the military (98% of graduates)

3
Number of graduates recognized as National Merit Scholars. They are Spencer Compton, Bishop Moore Catholic High School; and Madeline MacDonald and Bryan Wells, Melbourne Central Catholic High School.

High School Valedictorians:

Bishop Moore Catholic
Spencer Compton

Father Lopez Catholic High School
Annalisa Pehurn

Melbourne Central Catholic
Mackenzie Anderson, Haoyan Bai, Sean Cannie, Samuel Hennessy, Corey Hymel, Daniel Kelly, Madeline MacDonald, William Rieder, Bryan Wells, Andrea Zavalla

Santa Fe Catholic High School
Tomas Vivas

Trinity Catholic High School
Gisela Rojas-Carreno
Enriched Growth
in the Arts and Extracurriculars

Our students are recognized for academics, their achievements in the arts and sciences, and for their community service. Here is a small sampling of our students’ achievements in 2017-2018.

100% of our schools offer an extracurricular music program

675 pieces of art were displayed at three regional Catholic schools fine arts shows

Ascension Catholic School had 12 national first place winners in the 2017-2018 DAR Contest.

Resurrection Catholic School students claimed the top spot in all elementary school categories of the Lakeland Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution American History Essay Contest.

Sixteen students from Resurrection Catholic School placed in the 2018 Polk Science and Engineering Fair.

Six students from St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School were recognized by outside organizations in their communities for academics, citizenship and community service.

Lourdes Academy middle school students won the annual Volusia County Hackathon competition sponsored by the UCF incubator in Daytona Beach and part of an all-day STEM event. They created a 3D print of Santa’s Sleigh and Reindeer and made it light up. They were the only middle school team to enter and defeated students from other high schools and colleges such as Daytona State.

Veronica U., an 8th grade student from Good Shepherd Catholic School, won the Scope Magazine War to America contest.

Annalisa P., Father Lopez Catholic High School, was named an impressive local senior by the News-Journal Medallion of Excellence. Honorees are chosen based on academic achievement, extracurricular activity, and community service.
Athletics

7
Sports offered in elementary and middle school

20
Sports are offered at the high school level. Multiple freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity teams are available, giving students numerous opportunities of participation.

68
High school graduates received athletic scholarships

8
Regional championships won in our high schools

26
District championships won in our high schools

State Champions!

Competitive Cheer
Bishop Moore Catholic High School

Adaptive Track
Bishop Moore Catholic High School

Jordan L.. 110M Hurdles
Trinity Catholic High School
Leaders in Teaching

12% of our faculty are alumni of Diocese of Orlando Catholic schools

40% of our faculty hold advanced degrees

100% of eligible faculty are certified by the state of Florida

We welcomed five new principals to our schools in 2017-2018. Left-right: Shelley Niswonger, Sacred Heart Catholic School; Kathleen Falk, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School; David Parker, Divine Mercy Catholic Academy; Megan Losito, Blessed Trinity Catholic School; and Erika Wikstrom, Trinity Catholic High School.

Sandy Basinger, St. Mary Catholic School principal, was named recipient the 2017 Jenni Heneghan Leadership Award, named in honor of the late Jennifer Heneghan. Mrs. Heneghan served as principal of All Souls Catholic School until her death in March 2014. The award is presented to an educator who exemplifies her spirit, faith life and professionalism.

“My vision for Catholic education is to provide access to exemplary education, spiritual growth and inspiration, and a heightened sense of community through service.”

David Parker, principal, Divine Mercy Catholic School
2017-2018 Distinguished Teachers
as selected by their school leaders

Early Learning Center

Karen Nelson, Saints Peter and Paul Early Learning Center

Elementary Teacher

Steve Shewey, All Souls Catholic School, Sanford
Darlene Jacoby, Annunciation Catholic Academy, Altamonte Springs
Elizabeth Bump, Ascension Catholic School, Melbourne
LeeAnn Brown, Basilica School of St. Paul, Daytona Beach
Carol Bragoli, Blessed Trinity Catholic School, Ocala
LuAnn Maute, Divine Mercy Catholic Academy, Merritt Island
Joanna Welch, Good Shepherd Catholic School, Orlando
Debra Egan, Holy Family Catholic School, Orlando
Susan Asunnaa, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School, Indialantic
Annabel Garcia, Holy Redeemer Catholic School, Kissimmee
Bernadette O'Leary, Lourdes Academy, Daytona Beach
Stephanie Swartz, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, Melbourne
Christine Rodecker, Our Saviour Catholic School, Cocoa Beach
Susan Knauf, Resurrection Catholic School, Lakeland
Maria Bilodeau, Sacred Heart Catholic School, New Smyrna Beach
Cindy Castanheira, St. Andrew Catholic School, Orlando
Yvette Lovell-Biggs, St. Anthony Catholic School, Lakeland
Michele Rudinski, St. Brendan Catholic School, Ormond Beach
Holly Talbert, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School, Orlando
Kristana Reitz, St. James Cathedral School, Orlando
Sara Kim, St. John Vianney Catholic School, Orlando
Emily Saires, St. Joseph Academy, Lakeland
Susan Mardiat, St. Joseph Catholic School, Palm Bay
Janel Magnole, St. Joseph Catholic School, Winter Haven
Amy Yaw, St. Margaret Mary Catholic School, Winter Park
Dianne Alexis, St. Mary Catholic School, Rockledge
Daisy Nassis, St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School, Altamonte Springs
Monica Matthews, St. Paul Catholic School, Leesburg
Michelle Dvorovy, St. Peter Catholic School, Deland
Dorothy Clouser, St. Teresa Catholic School, Titusville
Lisa Landy, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, St. Cloud

High Schools

Jennifer Connell, Bishop Moore Catholic High School, Orlando
Laura Rozengota, Central Catholic High School, Melbourne
Lisa Blais, Father Lopez Catholic High School, Daytona Beach
Billy Dickerson, Santa Fe Catholic High School, Lakeland
Heather Webb, Trinity Catholic High School, Ocala
San Pedro Center

85
Number of groups that held meetings/events at San Pedro

24
Number of programs offered at San Pedro Spiritual Center

4
Number of new programs introduced in 2017-2018: Art & Soul, Children’s Stations of the Cross, Spirituality Series, and The Long Retreat.

256
Number of boys and girls who spent part of their summer at one or more of these camps: day camp, Morning Star camp, elementary school overnight camp, middle school overnight camp, and high school overnight camp.

528
Number of men and women ages 55+ participating in the 10 Senior Days

A small, electrical fire sparked in the lobby of St. John the Apostle Conference Center on March 23, causing approximately $72,000 in damages. Less than three months later, the building reopened with a fresh, new look.

Artists of all ages show off their watercolor paintings at the February Art & Soul program.

Campers from Morning Star enjoy some time with their camp leaders on Lake Howell.

Young men considering the priesthood spend quiet time together during Quo Vidas Retreat.
Mission Office

Serving the people of the Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana in the Dominican Republic

382
Students attend the five elementary/middle schools built by missioners from the Diocese of Orlando

41
Students participate in the high school residence program

128
Missioners shared their love of teaching during seven education missions

$68,990
Grant money given by the Ruckstuhl Foundation for a science lab in our schools

113
Boxes of shoes, collected by students in the United States were delivered to the people of our sister diocese

34
Number of trained teachers in the Dominican Republic

200
Boxes of jars of peanut butter, collected by students in the Diocese of Orlando Catholic schools, were shipped to the Dominican Republic

189
Boxes of schools supplies were sent to the children overseas

117
Boxes filled with Christmas toys put smiles on the children’s faces

In addition to the education missions, the Mission Office also oversees construction, medical, surgical and other missions.
Faith enrichment program launched

In September, the Diocese of Orlando launched the Faith Fit Enrichment Program, an online certification and enrichment program that will help educators teach and live the light of Christ. The three-level program delves into the history and tenants of our faith. Completion of the first two levels, Foundations 1 and 2, provides certification, and the third level allows educators to continue their growth.

Educators in our Catholic schools are required to complete the first level by March 2019 and subsequent levels annually. Dr. Isabel Fernandez, director of Mission Effectiveness, oversees the program.

School Safety is top priority

In the Spring, the Diocese of Orlando rolled out a new safety program with the goal of enhancing the security at every single Catholic school, parish and diocesan entity in Central Florida. In May, a team of safety experts from Life Safety Solutions were on the ground, assessing diocesan properties and offering recommendations for improved ways to keep both students and educators safe.

During the first few weeks of the 2018-2019 academic year, all schools were outfitted with and personnel trained on the Raptor Visitor Management System. The Raptor system screens visitors, volunteers, and contractors prior to providing access to our schools. Everyone on campus is required to wear a color coded lanyard that clearly identify their purpose at the school.

Other safety measures include Mental Health First Aid Training through Catholic Charities for school administrators, and active shooter training for all teachers and school leaders.

Patricia Dailey, project manager for Risk Management, is overseeing the initiatives.

Religion curriculum standards revised

All who teach the Catholic faith share the goal of forming intentional disciples. With that in mind, Dr. Jacquelyn Flanigan, associate superintendent, Dr. Isabel Fernandez, director of Mission Effectiveness, and a team of religion teachers from Catholic schools throughout the dioceses spent more than a year reviewing the religion curriculum standards of our schools.

As a result of their work, the Office of Catholic schools implemented revised religion curriculum standards in the Fall. The standards have been reorganized and aligned with the Six Tasks of Catechesis and the Four Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The framework includes an updated glossary, grade level prayers, recommended Scripture, resources, unit template and sample unit plans. Our standards were last reviewed in 2009.

The Diocese of Orlando extends gratitude and appreciation for the generosity of the Archdiocese of Seattle in sharing with us their exemplary work in developing much of the material used in the guidelines.

Jubilee celebration for Sister Dorothy

We celebrated with Sister Dorothy Sayers, MPF, principal of Holy Family Catholic School, as she marked her 50th year in religious life. Sister Dorothy entered religious life at the age of 15. She was a teacher and principal before coming to Central Florida more than 21 years ago. The first principal of Holy Family Catholic School, she and Father William Ennis, pastor emeritus, helped lay the foundation that has helped hundreds of children grow in their knowledge and love of God. Sister Dorothy is an inspiration to the entire Catholic Schools community in the Diocese of Orlando. Congratulations, Sister Dorothy. God bless you.
2017 hurricane season brings out the best in us

Hurricane Irma swept over Central Florida, Sept. 9-10, causing minor to extensive damage to many of our Catholic school campuses. As people dealt with days without electricity and no promise of its quick return, communities came together to offer whatever relief they could. Some of our schools and parishes became places of reprieve, offering families food and drink and simply a place to cool off and charge their cell phones. Many ventured out the day after the storm to help clean up their parish and school campuses. Schools safely began to reopen two days after the storm, and all had reopened within a week.

A little more than a week later, Hurricane Maria wrought catastrophic damage to Puerto Rico, devastating the small island’s communication systems and infrastructure. Our schools welcomed dozens of children into their communities, thanks, in part, to nearly $70,000 in scholarships provided the generosity of those giving to the Bishop’s Alive in Christ Campaign. In addition, many of our schools provided additional scholarship support and assisted with the overall needs of the families affected by the storm. Many of these children remain in our schools, and the families have become integral parts of our communities.
Many of our families are able to send their children to Catholic schools thanks to the following support:

**Finances**

Catholic Education is affordable!

$10,017,535 in tuition and fee allowances

$2,203,527 in VPK allowances (serving 943 students)

$25,557,525 in corporate tax credit scholarships (serving 4,102 students)

$5,893,003 in McKay scholarships (serving 945 students)

$1,215,679 in Gardiner scholarships (serving 164 students)

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$151,481

Amount of tuition assistance awarded to Catholic school students thanks to the Alive in Christ Campaign, supported by the The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, Inc. About $120,000 additional monies were allocated to the schools this year, of which approximately $70,000 were used to support students from Puerto Rico, displaced by Hurricane Maria. Thank you for your generosity.
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