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# Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools **2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

# Superintendent's Message



Dear Families and Friends,

In my first year serving as superintendent, I am pleased to present the Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools 2021-2022 Annual Report!

We are grateful for Dr. Melanie Palmisano's past leadership. We have so much to be proud of as a family of 30 Catholic schools. This annual report is one opportunity for us to highlight our mission and vision and to celebrate how our dedicated Catholic school community consistently demonstrates excellence through **"Evangelizing Hearts, Educating Minds, Encouraging Talent, and Embracing the Future."**

Our schools are thriving as places where all who enter may encounter the person of Jesus Christ each day. In 2021-22, we saw high retention of students and an overall increase in enrollment. This year, the Nation's Academic Report Card recognized and commended Catholic schools' resilience and ability to persevere academically during challenging times. Equally as important, our students come and stay because we offer an environment where every student may feel welcome and able to witness the truth of the Gospel message. In the following pages, you will see examples of this truth alive in and out of our classrooms.

For all that we have accomplished together, I am grateful for the leadership and support of Bishop Duca, for the work of our pastors and priests on behalf of our schools, for all those that I am blessed to work with in the Catholic Schools Office, for all the many board members, benefactors, families, and school personnel who have worked tirelessly to ensure the success of our Catholic schools, and for our students who bring their best to school every day!

I hope our Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools 2021-2022 Annual Report will be informative and inspire you to share the Good News of a Catholic education with others as we seek to fulfill God's plan for learning and life!

We are grateful to our Lord for the gift of a Catholic Education as we celebrate a bright future for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge!

In Christ,  
Dr. Patricia Davis



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# Catholic Schools Strategic Plan

## VISION 2023

### MISSION & MINISTRY

Catholic schools will be unified models of Catholic Identity by creating and sustaining a positive Catholic culture among all stakeholders.

### FINANCIAL VITALITY 1

All schools will have ample funding and a stewardship structure for current operations as reflected in the school's annual financial statement that is balanced to sustain and grow their educational ministry.

### FINANCIAL VITALITY 2

The diocese will have a benefits package and robust salary scale which are consistently utilized in every school in the diocese.

### ADVANCEMENT FOR GROWTH 1

All schools will have a consistently identifiable brand that will focus on a Catholic education and formation enhanced by measurable academic achievements within a safe, nurturing environment.

### ADVANCEMENT FOR GROWTH 2

All schools will work collaboratively in mutual support in enrollment management, publicity, and marketing.



# Our Schools

## ASCENSION PARISH

### Donaldsonville:

Ascension Catholic Diocesan Regional School

### Gonzales:

St. Theresa Middle School

### Prairieville:

St. John Primary School

## ASSUMPTION PARISH

### Paincourtville:

St. Elizabeth Interparochial School

## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### City of Central:

St. Alphonsus Liguori School

## EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

### Baton Rouge:

Catholic High School

Cristo Rey Baton Rouge Franciscan High School

Most Blessed Sacrament School

Our Lady of Mercy School

Redemptorist St. Gerard School

Sacred Heart of Jesus School

St. Aloysius School

St. Francis Xavier School

St. George School

St. Jean Vianney School

St. Joseph's Academy

St. Jude the Apostle School

St. Michael the Archangel Diocesan  
Regional High School

St. Thomas More School

Special Education REACH Program

## IBERVILLE PARISH

### Plaquemine:

St. John the Evangelist Interparochial  
Elementary School

St. John the Evangelist Interparochial High School  
Special Education REACH Program (Lab)

## POINTE COUPEE PARISH

### New Roads:

Catholic Elementary School of Pointe Coupee

Catholic High School of Pointe Coupee

## ST. JAMES PARISH

### Paulina:

St. Peter Chanel Interparochial School

## TANGIPAHOA PARISH

### Hammond:

Holy Ghost School

St. Thomas Aquinas Diocesan  
Regional High School

### Independence:

Mater Dolorosa School

### Ponchatoula:

St. Joseph School

## WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH

### Port Allen:

Holy Family School





*Who We Serve* **14,026** Number of Students Enrolled

**115,039** Total Service Hours

**99%** Graduation of Senior Class

**\$83,896,886** Total Scholarships Awarded

**\$63,849,305** College Scholarships Awarded

**\$20,047,581** TOPS

**672** High School Credits Earned in Middle School

**4,378** College Credits Earned

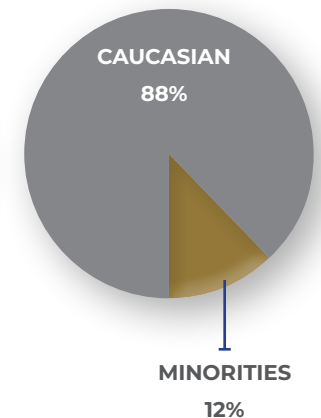
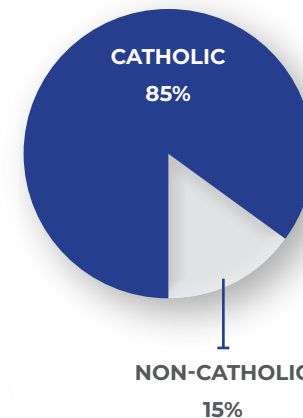
**1,221** Total Professional Staff

**12:1** PK-8 Average Student/Teacher Ratio

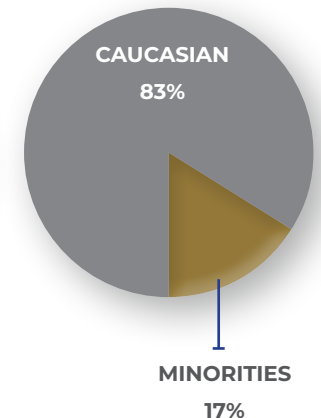
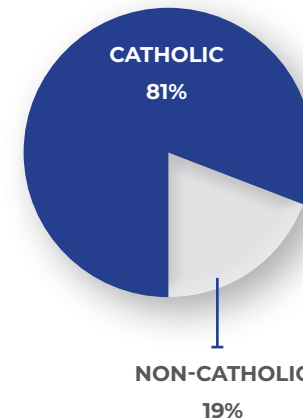
**10:1** 9-12 Grade Average Student/Teacher Ratio



#### PK-8 AVERAGE ENROLLMENT



#### 9-12 GRADE AVERAGE ENROLLMENT



**\$6,021** PK-8 Average Tuition

**\$8,892** 9-12 Average Non-Private School Tuition



### **DISTINGUISHED AWARDEES**

Administrator: Mrs. Lisa Harvey, Catholic High School  
 Educator: Mrs. Annette Nicosia, St. Alphonsus Liguori School  
 Clergy: Reverend Randy M. Cuevas, S.T.L., St. Aloysius Church

### **STUDENTS OF THE YEAR**

Grade 5: Sam Sellers, St. George School  
 Grade 8: Addison Comeaux, Most Blessed Sacrament School  
 Grade 12: Melinda Jones, St. Michael the Archangel Diocesan Regional High School

### **QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION**

#### **Grades 7/8 Teams**

First Place: St. George School  
 Second Place: St. Thomas More School

#### **Grades 5/6 Teams**

First Place: Sacred Heart of Jesus School  
 Second Place: St. Aloysius School



### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE EVENTS**

- > Annual Catholic Educators Gathering & Commissioning
- > Professional Development for Teachers, Administrators, and Board Members
- > Catholic Schools Week Mass
- > Distinguished Graduates Dinner
- > Retreats for Principals and Assistant Principals
- > Leadership Appreciation Luncheon
- > Summer Leadership Summit
- > Teacher Summer Institute



## **Saint Margaret of Castello REACH Program**

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCATIONS**

Our Lady of Mercy School  
 Redemptorist St. Gerard School  
 St. Michael the Archangel Diocesan Regional High School  
 St. Thomas More School

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### **STUDENTS SERVED**

75 students in Special Education Locations  
 170 students in Lab Services

### **LAB SERVICES LOCATIONS**

Most Blessed Sacrament School  
 Our Lady of Mercy School  
 Sacred Heart School  
 St. Aloysius School  
 St. George School  
 St. Jean Vianney School  
 St. John the Evangelist Interparochial Elementary School  
 St. Jude the Apostle School

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION DIAGNOSES**

Autism  
 Developmental Delay  
 Intellectual Disability  
 Specific Learning Disability  
 Down Syndrome  
 Other Health Impairments  
 \$12,525 K-8 Tuition  
 \$14,475 9-12 Tuition  
 \$2,900 Lab Services Fee

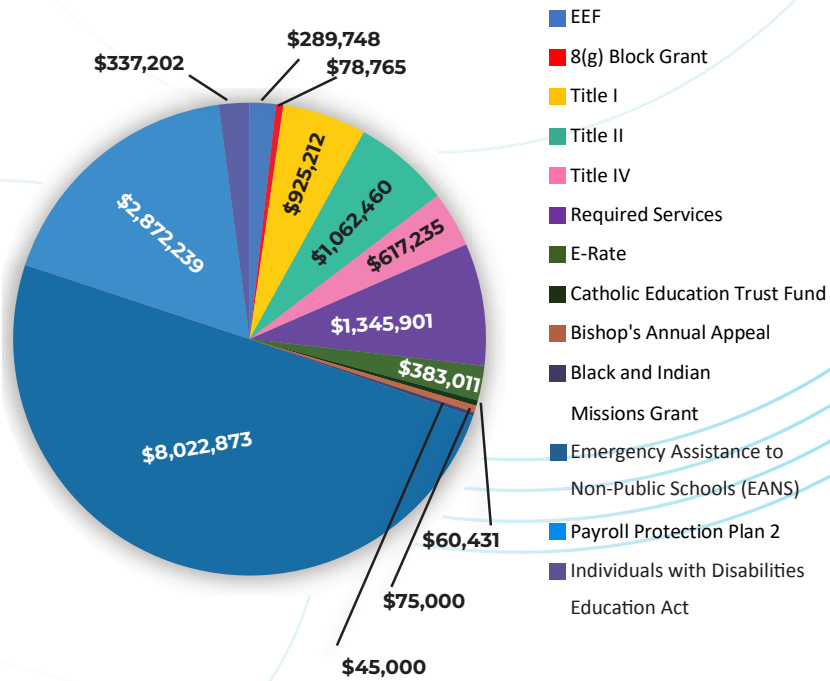


*When you **REACH** out in love, you extend the hand of God.*

# STATE, FEDERAL, AND DIOCESAN FUNDING

**TOTAL: \$16,115,078**

FEDERAL FUNDS: \$14,220,232 • STATE FUNDS: \$1,714,414 • DIOCESAN FUNDS \$180,431



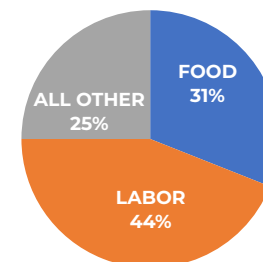
## DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE NUTRITION PROGRAM

Average daily participation	14,936
Students receiving free/reduced price meals	11,157*
Total meals served	2,770,452
Breakfast and lunch	2,569,071
Afterschool	201,381
Meal prices	
Breakfast all	\$2.00
Lunch	
Elementary	\$3.10
Middle	\$3.10
High school	\$3.30

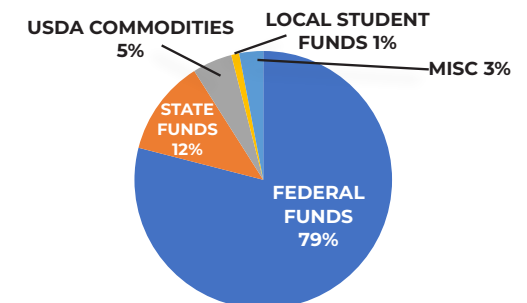
\*All students in schools participating in the Diocese of Baton Rouge Nutrition Program received free meals during the 2021-22 school year.



## EXPENSES



## SOURCES OF INCOME





## Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education (ACRE)

### Faith Knowledge: 2022 Spring Testing

#### Percent of Students Proficient or Advanced

	Grade 5	Grade 8	Grade 11
Diocese	80%	79%	70%
Nation	71%	79%	70%

### Diocese of Baton Rouge Standardized Tests TerraNova NEXT: National Percentile\* Spring 2022

Grade	Language	Reading	Math
3	70	60	57
4	69	71	65
5	63	57	59
6	67	68	66
7	73	67	70
8	74	69	76

\*The Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic School students scored above the national median, or 50th percentile, in all subjects and grades.

## HIGH SCHOOL ACT COMPOSITE SCORES

CLASS OF:	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Diocese of Baton Rouge Average	23.8	23.2	24.1	24.1	24
State of Louisiana Average	18.1	18.4	18.7	18.8	19.2
National Average	19.8	20.3	20.6	20.7	20.8

(State and National averages include Catholic Schools)

# Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools

GROW • INNOVATE • LEAD

Since 2013, **8** schools have been awarded  
the National Blue Ribbon of Excellence by  
the U.S. Dept. of Education.



# 85%

STUDENTS ENROLLED  
ARE CATHOLIC  
IN PK-8TH GRADE



Nationally accredited school district  
by Cognia/AdvancedED



# \$83,896,886

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN 2021-22

# 23.8

AVERAGE **ACT** EXCEEDS  
BOTH STATE AND  
NATIONAL AVERAGES



# 99%

of Seniors Graduated in 2021-22



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# Embracing the Future!

# Boards and Staff

## 2021-22 DIOCESAN SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. Melanie B. Palmisano, *Superintendent*  
Mr. Jeff Larson, *Chair*  
Mrs. Judith Roberson, *Chair-Elect*  
Mr. Kevin Gautreau, *Vice-Chair*  
Mrs. Dina Dow  
Sister Martha Ann Abshire, *FMOL*  
Mr. Bruce Beard  
Mrs. Codi Brown  
Mr. Jason Chauvin  
Dr. William "Beau" Clark  
Very Reverend Jamin David  
Mrs. Joanne Harvey  
Mr. Perry Key  
Mrs. Donna Newchurch Landry  
Brother Paul Montero, *S.C.*  
Mr. Thad Rispone



## 2021-22 DIOCESAN HOME AND SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Joanne Harvey, *President*  
Mrs. Renee' Tullier, *Immediate Past President*  
Ms. Tamara Sabine, *Vice-President*  
Mrs. Dawn Beale, *Recording Secretary*  
Mrs. Jennifer Parfait, *Corresponding Secretary*  
Mrs. Annette Savoy, *Treasurer*  
Mrs. Cindy Gautreau  
Mrs. Sharron Buchtart  
Mrs. Wanda Gawarecki

## SPECIAL EDUCATION REACH PROGRAM

Ms. Kristy Monsour,  
*Program Director*

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE STAFF

Dr. Patricia Davis,  
*Superintendent*  
Mrs. Claire Willis, *Assistant Superintendent*  
Mrs. Linda Raush, *Curriculum Specialist*  
Mrs. Dianne Talbot, *Instruction Specialist*  
Mrs. Joni Herrmann, *Secretary to the Superintendent*

## 2021-22 CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM DEPARTMENT

Ms. Lynda Carville, *Child Nutrition Director*  
Ms. Chiquita Coston, *Business Manager*  
Ms. Brittany Needham, *HR Generalist*  
Mrs. Terri Deville, *Accountant / AR*  
Mr. Bradford Ray, *Purchasing Analyst*  
Mrs. Heather Blades, *Purchasing Assistant*  
Mrs. Carla Greggs, *Payroll Coordinator*  
Ms. Lindsey Knutsen, *Accounts Payable*  
Ms. Rhonda Caronna, *Field Supervisor*  
Mrs. Deborah Jeffers, *Field Supervisor*  
Ms. Ebony Tillman, *Field Supervisor*

