



Catholic Schools

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017



DIOCESE OF PENSACOLA-TALLAHASSEE
OFFICE *for* CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord! It is with joy and hope that we present this Annual Report of the ministry and mission of Catholic education in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. I hope you enjoy reading it and learning about all of the wonderful things that we are doing in your name to evangelize and catechize our young people.

What an honor and privilege it is for me to serve as your bishop. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting our schools and parishes, and I look forward to continuing to do that in the months and years ahead. One of my favorite things to do is preside over the Eucharist with our students. I often ask them questions about the faith and the readings that we hear at Mass. It never ceases to amaze me that even the youngest ones seem to grasp what God is trying to teach us: that He loves us, forgives us, and wants us to serve Him in our sisters and brothers.

Where do they learn these things? Hopefully, it is their parents who first introduce these concepts to them, as parents are the first teachers in the ways

of the faith. In our Catholic Schools and our religious education classes, our teachers and catechists reinforce these truths in so many ways. Being able to talk about God and our Catholic Faith in school every day is the greatest blessing of all. There is a quote that I have seen in some schools that sums this up well: "Let it be known that Jesus Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever-present teacher in all its classes, the model of its faculty, and the inspiration for its students." Jesus is our true Teacher; we are all co-workers with him in the world.

I am grateful to the teachers and staff members in our schools and parishes. I am thankful for the many families who entrust their children to us every day. I am grateful for each one of you for your prayers and financial support for our Mission as educators in the faith. May God continue to bless our schools and our diocese in abundance.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend William Wack, CSC
Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Friends of the
Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee,

It is a great honor to share with you the successes of our Catholic schools in the 2016-2017 school year. Under the visionary leadership of our school pastors, principals and teachers, our students grew academically, socially, physically, and—most importantly—in their faith.

In our Catholic schools, we strive to prepare our students for success in this life and the next, integrating our Catholic Faith into our academic program. We also strive to educate the whole child, providing opportunities for each child to be the best version of himself or herself through leadership, service, athletics, and the arts.

As we strive for excellence inside and

outside of the classroom, we maintain the focus that our schools are a primary evangelization tool of the Church, whose most important job is to raise saints, helping our students grow closer to God and learn the discernment skills that will help them along the path to Heaven.

Please enjoy this summary of our year and know that you are always welcome to learn more about our schools through their websites and scheduled visits to campus.

May God bless you,

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Michael P. Juhas, Jr.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools





Our Year in Review

- † The first ever Diocesan Curriculum Day conference was held, bringing together all diocesan teachers for training and grade/subject level collaboration
- † Yearly full-day retreat for teachers implemented
- † Online Professional Learning Communities for administrators and teachers were implemented
- † New principal and teacher evaluation tools implemented, based on the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Schools
- † New catechetical certification program established for all teachers regardless of faith and subject taught
- † Play Like a Champion Today training from Notre Dame implemented for coaches in the Catholic Youth Sports League
- † Stakeholders from all nine schools were trained on enrollment management and fundraising strategies through the Institute for School and Parish Development

STAFF HIGHLIGHT



*“Always
do your
best and
leave
what’s left
to God.”*

ROBERT BURKE

Catholic High School celebrates its 75th anniversary as Coach Burke completes his 75th year with the school

As Pensacola Catholic High celebrated its 75th anniversary during the 2016-17 school year, one faculty member was a constant for all seventy-five of those years. Coach Robert Burke, Class of 1941 of St. Michael High School, began working at Catholic High in the Fall of 1941 as a basketball coach. After many successful years on the court, Coach Burke began a long teaching career in the sciences, focusing on environmental science, botany, and fitness. His motto, instilled upon the students of so many generations, is “Always do your best and leave what’s left to God.”

At the 75th Anniversary Mass, Coach Burke led the procession that included a member of each of the seventy-five graduating classes at Catholic High. He’s given so much to the school and our diocese, and for this we are forever grateful.

The mission of the Pensacola-Tallahassee diocesan school system is to collaborate with parents in the Christian formation of students, passing on to them the message of Christ taught by the Catholic Church. This is done in the context of a Christian community which worships together, fosters service, and strives to achieve academic excellence.

WHY A

Catholic Education

IN A CHURCH FULLY ALIVE?

FORMING DISCIPLES

Our academic program is designed to provide a Catholic worldview to inspire students in their growth toward success in this life and their journey toward Heaven. Students learn how the beauty of God's creation ties into all the academic subjects they study. IOWA test score data, displayed in the graph below, shows the academic gains made by our 8th grade graduates who were formed for five or more consecutive years in our Catholic schools.

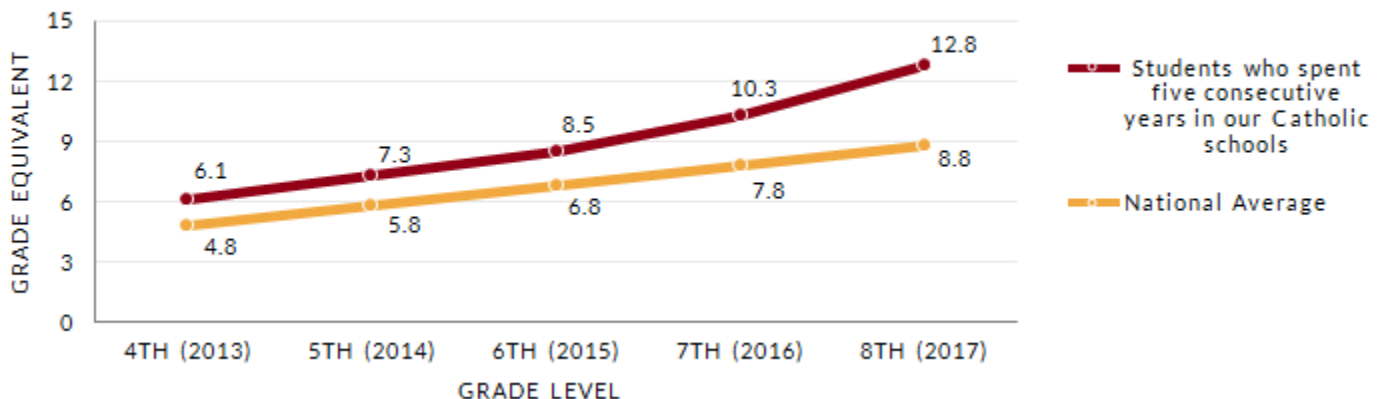
DISCIPLES IN ACTION

Our students receive formation that helps them grow intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially – and most importantly – spiritually. Our students participate in many service projects through our Catholic schools, and our schools place a heavy emphasis on teaching students to use their gifts to better the community.

INVITING OTHERS TO THE FAITH

Our Catholic schools provide opportunities for students and their families to grow in their relationship with God. As our schools join families in their faith walk, many deepen in their Catholic faith. Some families have chosen to join the Catholic faith through their experience in Catholic schools.

8TH GRADE CLASS OF 2017 PERFORMANCE OVER TIME



OUR *Schools & Centers*

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Little Flower Catholic School (PK-8)
Sacred Heart Cathedral School (PK-8)
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School (PK-8)
Saint Paul Catholic School (PK-8)
Pensacola Catholic High School (9-12)

SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Saint Ann Discovery School (Birth-PK)

OKALOOSA COUNTY

Saint Mary Catholic School (PK-8)

WALTON COUNTY

Saint Rita Pre-School Program (Birth-PK)

BAY COUNTY

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School (PK-8)
Saint Bernadette Child Development Academy (Birth-PK)

LEON COUNTY

Trinity Catholic School (PK-8)
Saint John Paul II Catholic High School (9-12)





Holmes
County

Jackson
County

Walton
County

Washington
County

Gadsden
County

Jefferson
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Madison
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Bay
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Calhoun
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Wakulla
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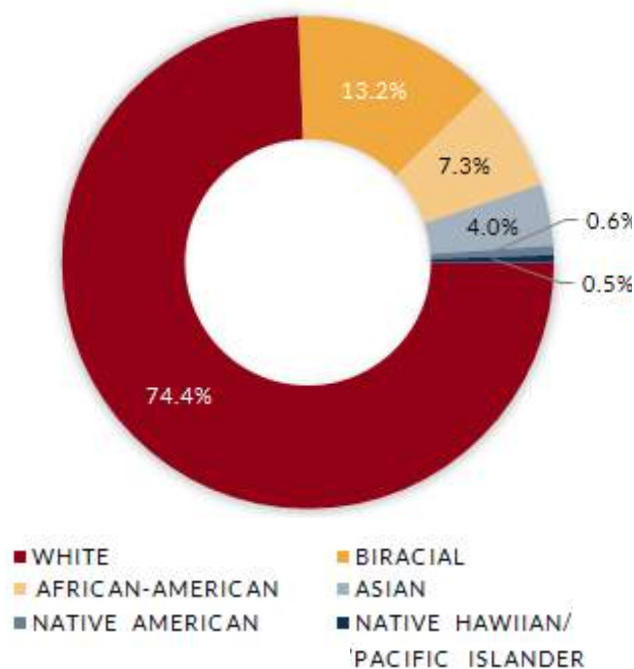
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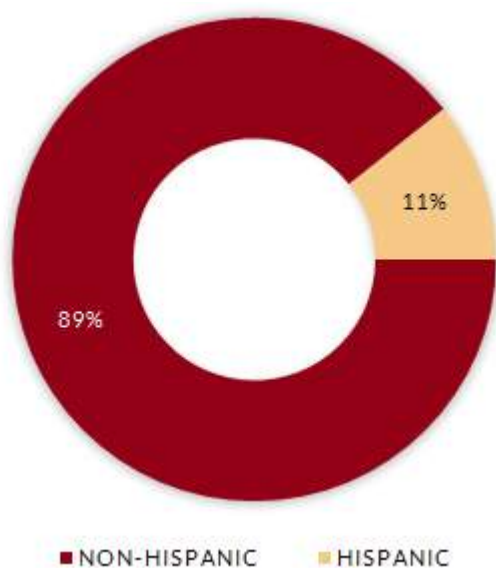
THE STUDENTS WE SERVE

Our Catholic schools seek to serve a diverse community of learners with the end goal of forming future saints. Opportunities exist for students of all backgrounds. We serve students from early childhood through twelfth grade, and with all students we seek for them to become the best versions of themselves, growing physically, intellectually, emotionally, and most importantly spiritually. As a ministry of our diocese, schools work closely with the Bishop and pastors to support parents and guardians in the beautiful partnership of forming their children, the next generation of the Church.

DEMOGRAPHICS BY RACE



DEMOGRAPHICS BY ETHNICITY



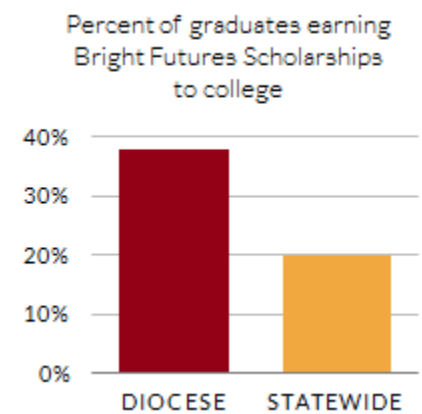
72% of our students are Catholic

SERVING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN WITH Joy

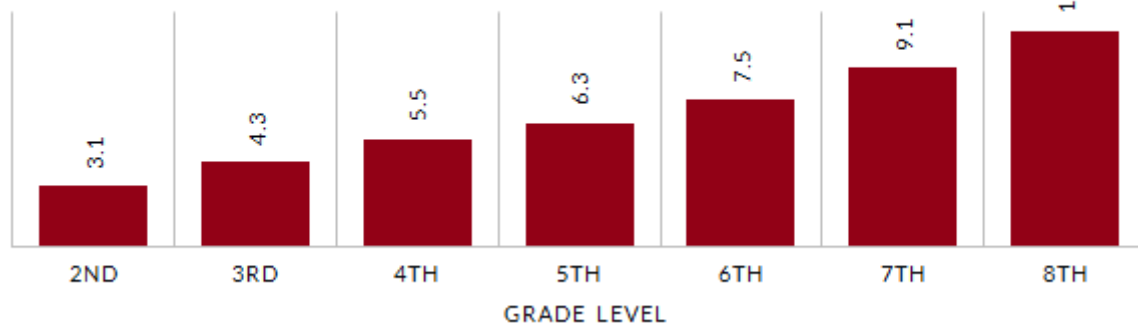
The Morning Star program was established in Florida in order to provide Catholic education to children with special learning needs. The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee has programs at Sacred Heart Cathedral School and St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Pensacola. These programs serve students with a variety of needs through a modified curriculum, individual attention, and integration with peers of the same age during the day. Each student has individual learning goals and develops academically while growing in their relationship with the Lord.

Academic Performance

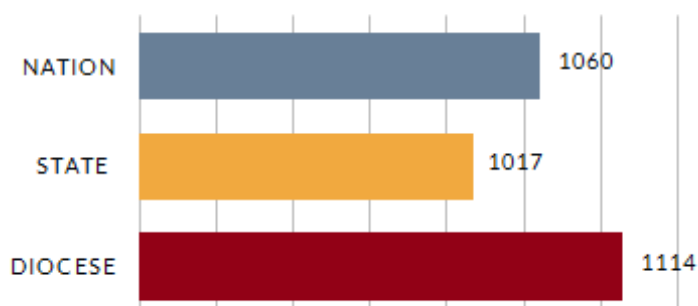
Our Catholic schools provide a rigorous curriculum to students, building fundamental skills and progressing into higher level reasoning. An important part of our academic program is the integration of faith into the academic program, which we call Christ across the Curriculum. Students develop their ability to think critically and solve complex problems. Our students consistently outperform the national average on standardized testing, and this past year's graduates collectively earned eight figures in scholarship money to colleges. Elementary students take the IOWA assessments, while high school students take the ACT and SAT. The graphs show the aggregate performance of our students by grade according to grade equivalent, which describes academic performance in terms of grade level and month. For example, if a third grade student taking the IOWA at the 3/4 point of their school year scores a 4.2 on the third grade reading test, this means the student scored as well as a fourth grade student in the second month of the school year if given the same third grade reading test.



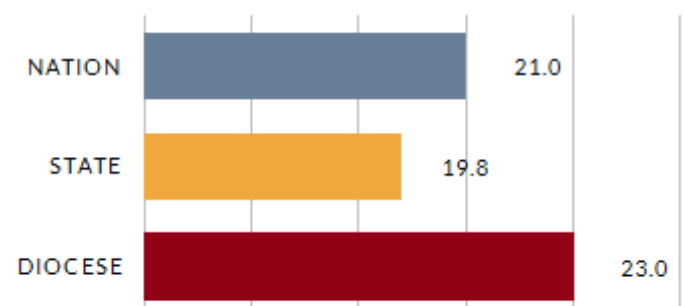
IOWA PERFORMANCE BY GRADE EQUIVALENT



CLASS OF 2017 AVERAGE SAT



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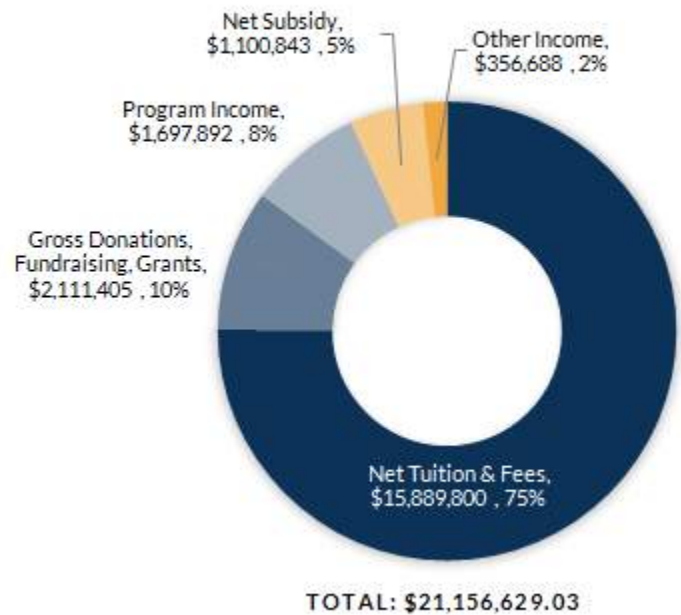




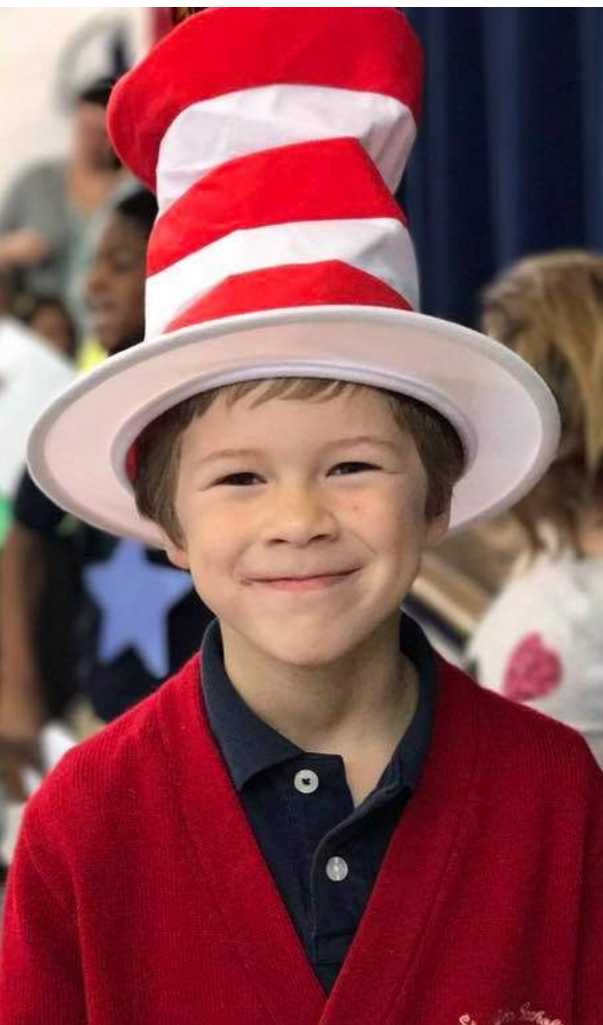
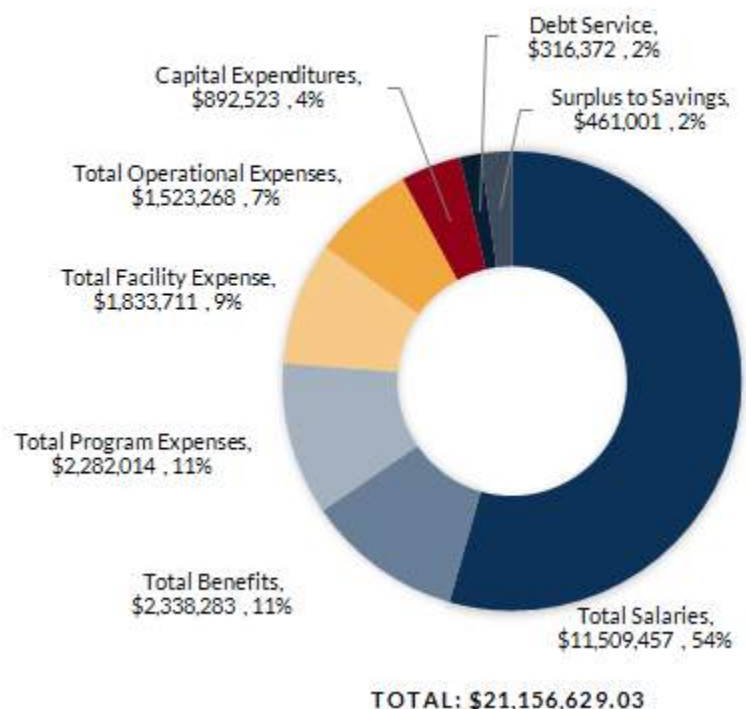
SCHOOL FINANCES

Our Catholic schools and early learning centers practice fiscal responsibility, working closely with their pastors, advisory councils, and the diocesan pastoral center. We always seek to be good stewards of our funding, using it to provide a quality educational experience for our students, centered in Christ. In addition to tuition, our schools receive support through fundraisers and annual fund drives. It is through this additional support that we are able to keep tuition as low for families as possible.

SOURCE OF FUNDS



USE OF FUNDS





ACCOLADES IN Accreditation

Accreditation plays a vital role in validating the excellence of our Catholic schools. Our elementary schools are accredited through the Florida Catholic Conference, which uses the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Schools as its guiding principles. Our high schools are accredited through AdvancED, a national accrediting agency. Our early learning centers are licensed through the Florida Department of Children and Families. Much preparation goes into an accreditation self-study and visit, as stakeholders team with staff to evaluate and seek avenues for continuous improvement. The Office for Catholic Schools supports these efforts, which culminate with a visiting team from the outside inspecting all aspects of the school.

St. Mary Catholic School was granted re-accreditation by the Florida Catholic Conference during the 2016-17 school year. St. Mary's faculty and staff were praised in many areas, including the visibility of their Catholic identity, communication with stakeholders, the opportunities for staff professional development, and the alignment of operational decisions to mission.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are four programs in the state of Florida which help make Catholic education affordable for a greater number of families.

Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship: based on household size and income, the FTC Scholarship allows qualifying families to attend the private school of their choice. See the chart below.

Gardiner Scholarship: based on qualifying diagnoses, students with certain special needs can be eligible for an average of \$10,000 in scholarship funds each year to cover approved education-related expenses including private school tuition, tutoring, therapy and educational technology.

McKay Scholarship: based on IEP or 504



Accommodation Plan; students with specific special needs who have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Accommodation and have previously attended a public school can be eligible to attend the private school of their choice with a scholarship up to full tuition.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MONTHLY INCOME	YEARLY INCOME
1	\$2,613.00	\$ 31,356.00
2	\$ 3,519.00	\$ 42,228.00
3	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 53,100.00
4	\$ 5,330.00	\$ 63,960.00
5	\$ 6,236.00	\$ 74,832.00
6	\$ 7,142.00	\$ 85,704.00
7	\$ 8,047.00	\$ 96,564.00
8	\$ 8,953.00	\$ 107,436.00
9	\$ 9,859.00	\$ 118,308.00
10	\$ 10,764.00	\$ 129,168.00

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK): a state-funded program enabling every 4-year-old in Florida to attend the Pre-K of his or her choice, free of charge, to build a strong foundation, ensuring their kindergarten readiness.

For students who do not qualify for one of the full tuition scholarships, each school offers a limited amount of need-based financial aid. Please call your school's principal for details.



In order to provide Catholic education to as many families as possible, our tuition is lower than the cost to educate a child, which creates a “tuition gap.” In addition to state scholarships there are several ways that Catholic education is made affordable to our families.

For students who are above

the income threshold of the FTC scholarship but have financial need, local aid is available at many schools. Generous donor support to a school’s scholarship fund helps families who desire Catholic education but cannot fully afford it. Donor support of a school’s annual fund help it bridge the tuition gap and fund programs, school initiatives

and operational costs that allow it to thrive.

Schools also receive support through foundations such as the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Florida and the Seton Collection for Catholic Education, in addition to private foundations that support individual schools.

To learn more about how to apply for scholarships, **go to**

How Can I Support Catholic Education in Our Diocese?

There are many ways you can make a difference and support the efforts of Catholic education in our diocese. Lifting up our school families and staffs in prayer is essential to our continued success. Sharing the good news of Catholic education is another powerful way to make a difference. Encouraging families and friends to explore the possibility of Catholic education for their child could change a life forever. Partnering with a Catholic school through its annual fund drive or through bequests are tangible ways to support the programs of the school or to help a child who may not qualify for a full scholarship and needs a little help for the dream of attending a Catholic school to become a reality. Volunteering at a Catholic school is yet another way to make a difference in the lives of our students. If you would like more information about a Catholic school in our diocese, please feel welcome to reach out and call the school to learn more or schedule a visit.

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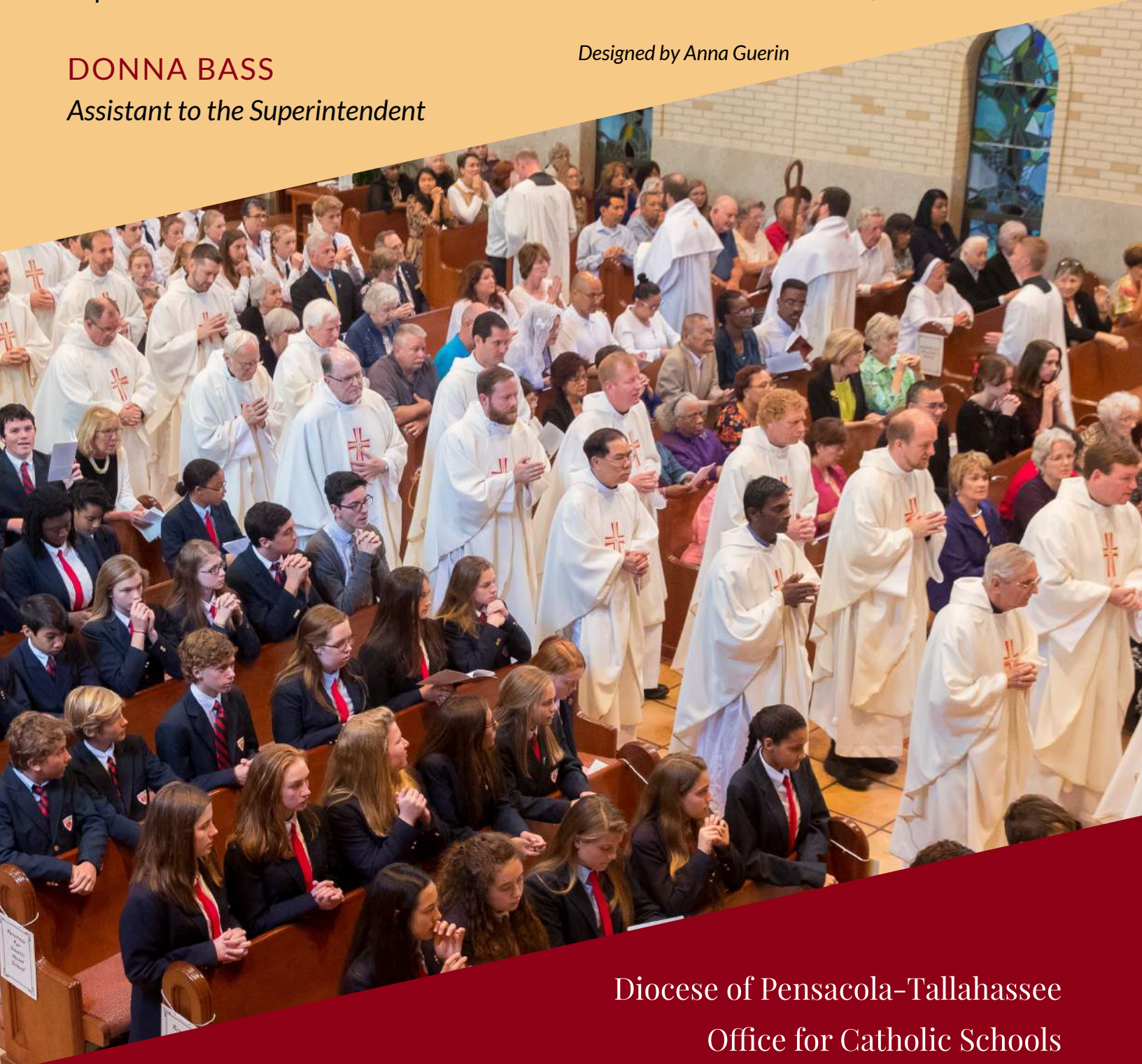
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