



the MEASURE of  
**SUCCESS**

**2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

Catholic Schools of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

## Catholic Schools Office Mission

Create a community of learners who joyfully navigate faith and reason in order to propagate our Catholic beliefs.

Ensure vibrant and enduring communities of faith by:

- Fostering a sense of belonging,
- Providing a framework of operational support,
- Helping to bring our community of learners closer to their God-given spiritual and academic potential.

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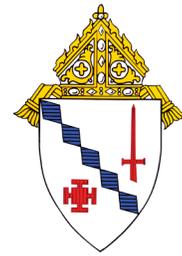
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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
**BIRMINGHAM**  
*in* **ALABAMA**

Catholic education forms disciples who bring hope and joy into every corner of our world. In our Catholic school classrooms, the light of faith becomes the anchor of a young person's future.

*+ Steven J. Raica*

MOST REVEREND  
**STEVEN J. RAICA**

Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

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Students at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School, Homewood

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# the MEASURE of SUCCESS

Each year, *The Measure of Success* offers us a moment to pause and reflect on the blessings we've received in our Catholic schools. As we look back on the 2024-2025 year, one theme rises again and again—our schools continue to be an anchor of hope in an ever-changing world.

**In a culture filled with noise, uncertainty, and rapid shifts, our Catholic schools remain steady.** They are places where faith is lived, truth is taught, and every student is known, loved, and formed for a purposeful life. They are communities where hope is not simply spoken about but practiced daily—in classrooms, on playgrounds, in Mass, in service, and in quiet moments of prayer.

**This year, the practice of hope has been especially visible.** We welcomed another year of enrollment growth and watched our students thrive academically and spiritually. We supported teachers pursuing advanced degrees to better serve their students. We opened new opportunities for families to access Catholic education and continued strengthening the programs that form our young people not only for college and career, but for sainthood.

**Our schools are anchors because they hold fast to what matters most.** They keep students grounded in Christ, rooted in community, and empowered to carry hope beyond our walls and into the world. Every achievement in these pages reflects the dedication of our principals, teachers, pastors, families, and supporters—each one contributing to the mission in ways both seen and unseen.

**Thank you for believing so deeply in the value of Catholic education.** Your prayers, generosity, and partnership allow our schools to flourish and ensure that the hope we offer today will shape the Church of tomorrow.

**May God continue to bless you, and may He strengthen our shared mission as together we remain anchored in hope.**



MARGARET  
DUBOSE

Superintendent  
of Catholic Schools

# SACRAMENTS

## THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIFFERENCE ANCHORING STUDENTS IN A LIFE OF HOPE



During the 2024-25 school year, 30 students from our schools joined the Catholic Church, encouraged and inspired by their school communities.

Our Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Birmingham create communities of reverence for the Sacraments through practice of prayer, attendance at Mass, opportunities for Reconciliation, study of theology, and daily spiritual guidance. From this focus comes a culture of faith, anchored in hope and the opportunity to deepen a personal friendship with Christ through receiving the Sacraments.

Sacred Heart Catholic School students receiving Baptism include **1.** Rory McClellan (*pictured with Angela Adcock and Darrel Kinney*); **2.** Elias and Calli Cron (*pictured with Father Patrick Egan and Deacon Ramon Rodriguez*); and **3.** (*from left*) Trip, Britton, and Toby Ware (*pictured with Deacon Ken Kreps*).



Prince of Peace Catholic School students **4.** Everett Reynolds; **5.** Miller Reynolds, Knox Barber, and Thomas Averette; and **6.** Charlie Reynolds received the sacraments of initiation celebrated by Father Jon Chalmers. **8.** Five students from **Holy Spirit Regional Catholic School**, including Emma Ashbaugh and Lainey and Kinley Lee, received the sacraments of initiation.



**7.** Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School student Rylee Richardson developed a faith commitment from experiences in her classroom and Young Women of Grace. Sponsored by Young Women of Grace facilitator Cindy Westbrook, Richardson received the sacraments of initiation in May.



Mary Lynn Owens, class of 2025, **St. John Paul II Catholic High School**, received reconciliation, First Communion, and confirmation.

*“Two years ago, a seventh grade student, totally new to Catholic education, began to consistently ask thoughtful questions in religion class ... there was always a genuine desire to understand Church teaching and Sacred Scripture. I watched as she grew to love the Catholic Church and as she grew in friendship with Christ. ... this Holy Spirit student, then an eighth grader, was fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the 2025 Easter Vigil Mass. ... **Catholic education is one of the most significant and effective Apostolic ministries within the Church. There are few better ways to spread the faith, especially to our children.**” -Tiffany Noel, Holy Spirit Regional Catholic School teacher*

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-25

**4,384**

TOTAL STUDENTS

1.4% Increase

CATHOLIC

**3,615**

NON-CATHOLIC

**1,306**

Students receiving

Title I Services

**504**

Students eligible for free  
and reduced lunch

**690**

Students with disability,  
diagnosed by local  
education agency

**657**

International students

**6**

Students assisted by scholarship  
granting organizations

**500**

**496**

TOTAL STAFF

88% Retention from 2024

CATHOLIC

**317**

NON-CATHOLIC

**179**

Statistics include  
diocesan schools only

**28,092**

SQUARE MILES  
SERVED BY CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS

**13**

DIOCESAN ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOLS

**3**

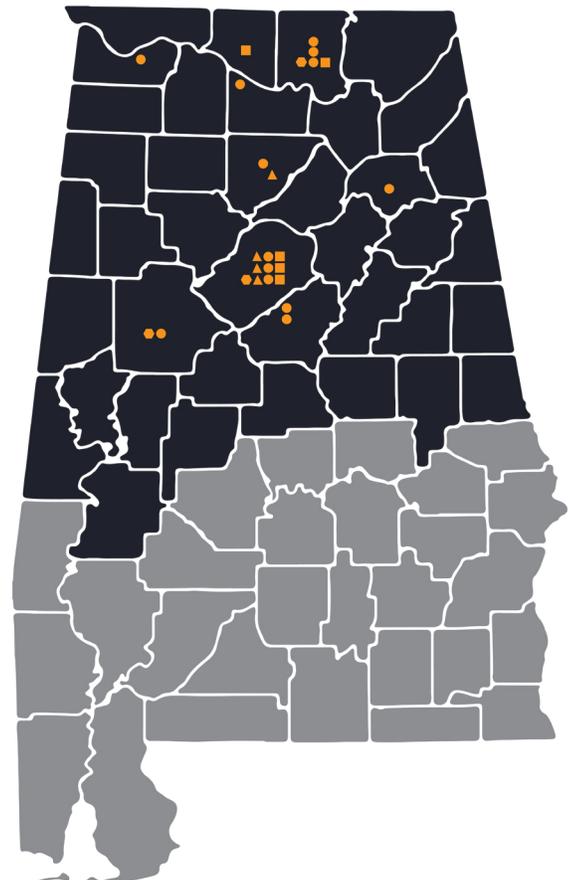
DIOCESAN HIGH  
SCHOOLS

**4**

DIOCESAN EARLY  
LEARNING CENTERS

**4**

INDEPENDENT,  
NON-DIOCESAN  
SCHOOLS



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## IN THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

### BIRMINGHAM

**Holy Family Catholic Academy\*** (4K, K, 1)  
[www.hfcatholicacademy.org](http://www.hfcatholicacademy.org)

**Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School\*** (9–12)  
[www.hfcrystorey.org](http://www.hfcrystorey.org)

**John Carroll Catholic High School** (9–12)  
[www.jcchs.org](http://www.jcchs.org)

**Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School** (3K–8)  
[www.olsschool.com](http://www.olsschool.com)

**Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Children's Learning Center**  
(6 weeks–4K)  
[www.ourladyofsorrows.com](http://www.ourladyofsorrows.com)

**Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School** (3K–8)  
[www.olvbirmingham.com](http://www.olvbirmingham.com)

**Prince of Peace Catholic School** (3K–8)  
[www.popcatholic.net](http://www.popcatholic.net)

**Prince of Peace Adventure Ark Playschool**  
(6 months–2 years)  
[www.popcatholic.org](http://www.popcatholic.org)

**St. Francis Xavier Catholic School** (3K–8)  
[www.sfxcatholic.com](http://www.sfxcatholic.com)

**St. Peter's Child Development Center** (6 weeks–4K)  
[www.saintpeterscdc.com](http://www.saintpeterscdc.com)

**St. Rose Academy\*** (3K–8)  
[www.strosebhm.org](http://www.strosebhm.org)

### CULLMAN

**Sacred Heart School** (3K–6)  
[www.shscullman.com](http://www.shscullman.com)

**St. Bernard Preparatory School\*** (7–12)  
[www.stbernardprep.com](http://www.stbernardprep.com)

### DECATUR

**St. Ann Catholic School** (3K–5)  
[www.saintanndecatur.org](http://www.saintanndecatur.org)

### FLORENCE

**St. Joseph Regional Catholic School** (3K–8)  
[www.catholicill.com](http://www.catholicill.com)

### GADSDEN

**St. James Catholic School** (3K–8)  
[www.stjamesgadsden.org](http://www.stjamesgadsden.org)

### HUNTSVILLE / MADISON

**Good Shepherd Catholic Preschool** (10 months–4K)  
[www.goodshephsv.org](http://www.goodshephsv.org)

**Holy Family Regional Catholic School** (4K–8)  
[www.holyfamilyschoolhsv.org](http://www.holyfamilyschoolhsv.org)

**Holy Spirit Regional Catholic School** (4K–8)  
[www.hstigers.org](http://www.hstigers.org)

**St. John Paul II Catholic High School** (9–12)  
[www.jp2falcons.org](http://www.jp2falcons.org)

**St. John the Baptist Catholic School** (4K–8)  
[www.stjohnb.com](http://www.stjohnb.com)

### MONTEVALLO

**St. Thomas Catholic School** (K–2)  
[www.stthomascatholic.com/school](http://www.stthomascatholic.com/school)

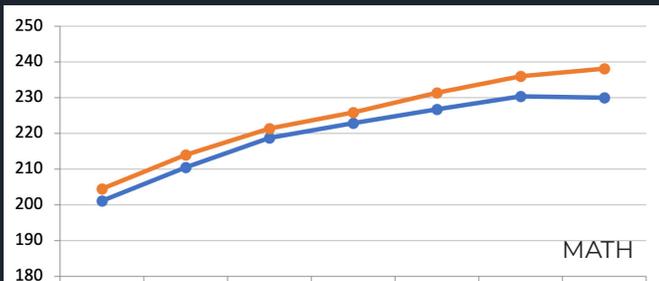
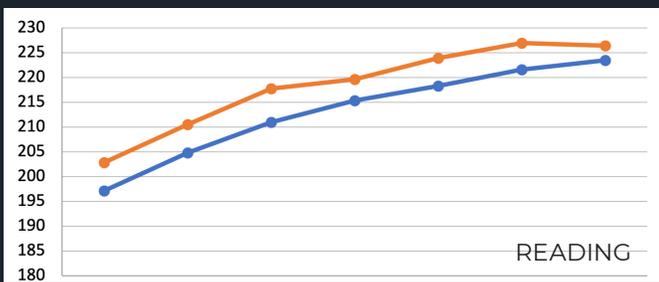
### TUSCALOOSA

**Holy Spirit Catholic School** (3K–5) (6–12)  
[www.holyspirit-al.com](http://www.holyspirit-al.com)

\* An independent, non-diocesan school

## MAP® National Evaluation Norms

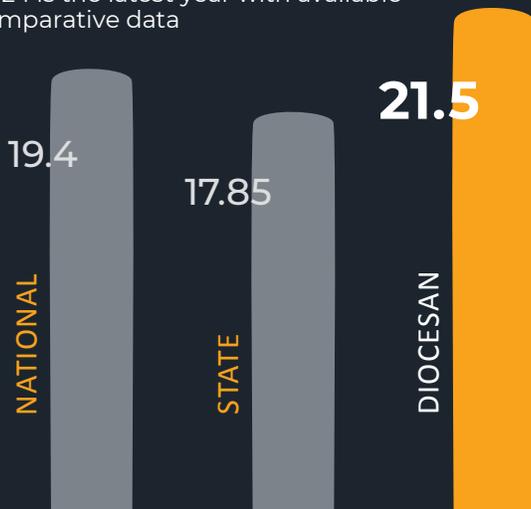
Diocesan schools exceeded MAP National Evaluation Norms. The yearly testing measures student achievement and growth in key academic areas for grades 3 - 9.



Grades  
■ Diocesan ■ National

## Average ACT® Composite Scores (Class of 2024)\*

\* 2024 is the latest year with available comparative data



# EXCELLENCE RECORDED

Rigorous academic standards, developed by our own teachers and leaders, align curricula with each school's mission. Cultivation of critical thinking skills and the virtues of self-discipline and perseverance prepare students for their future roles in society. Standardized assessment scores for the Diocese of Birmingham schools consistently surpass both state and national averages, informing instruction and facilitating individual student growth.

## NWEA MAP® EVALUATION



**Normative averages continue to indicate overall consistent growth throughout the diocese, exceeding national norms.**

The MAP® (Measures of Academic Progress) Growth™ evaluation, developed by NWEA (Northwest Educational Assessment), measures achievement in key subject areas. Results provide teachers a reliable, consistent source of information that can help development of instructional strategies.

## ACT® RESULTS



**Diocesan schools earned an average ACT® Composite Score of 21.5, well above the national and Alabama scores of 19.4 and 17.85, respectively.**

The ACT® (American College Testing) is a college admissions test that helps institutions of higher learning assess college readiness and can have broad impacts for high school students, including access to scholarships, college acceptance, and course placements.

# ASSESSMENT of RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE



## Diocesan schools post scores in the top 20 of dioceses nationally.

Schools in the Diocese of Birmingham continue to exceed national scores on the Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK). ARK guides our schools in understanding what our 2<sup>nd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students, faculty, and staff know and believe about the Catholic faith in six domains: sacraments and liturgy, the creed and salvation history, morality, prayer, virtue, and living discipleship.

“Our schools in the Diocese of Birmingham educate the whole child, mind, body, and spirit, guided by Catholic teaching and a focus on striving for excellence in all areas.”

- Superintendent Margaret Dubose

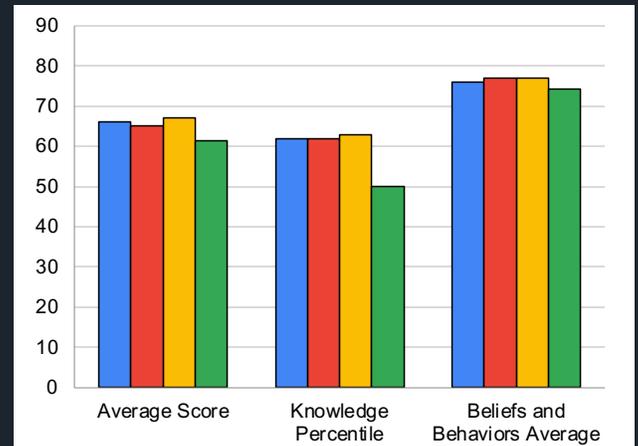
## GRADUATES CLASS of 2025

The 239 Class of 2025 graduates in our three diocesan high schools—Holy Spirit Catholic High School, John Carroll Catholic High School, and St. John Paul II Catholic High School—have once again delivered impressive results.

Students in our high schools achieve high levels of academic excellence, continually exceeding state and national ACT composite scores while still excelling in service to their communities and achieving in athletics and the arts.

## ARK Evaluation Highlights

ARK tested in 96 dioceses, over 2,500 schools and parishes. Over 320,000 student tests were completed with over 400,000 rostered students and teachers. ARK Assessments confirmed that the Diocese of Birmingham Students' average scores place them in the top 20 of dioceses nationally.



- Diocesan Students 2023
- Diocesan Students 2024
- Diocesan Students 2025
- National Students 2025

## Class of 2025 Statistics

Class of 2025 Graduates:  
239

2025 Scholarships:  
\$20,532,404

Student Athletic Scholarships:  
13

Hours in Service to their Communities:  
22,747

Hours in Prayer, Mass, and Adoration:  
*Incalculable*

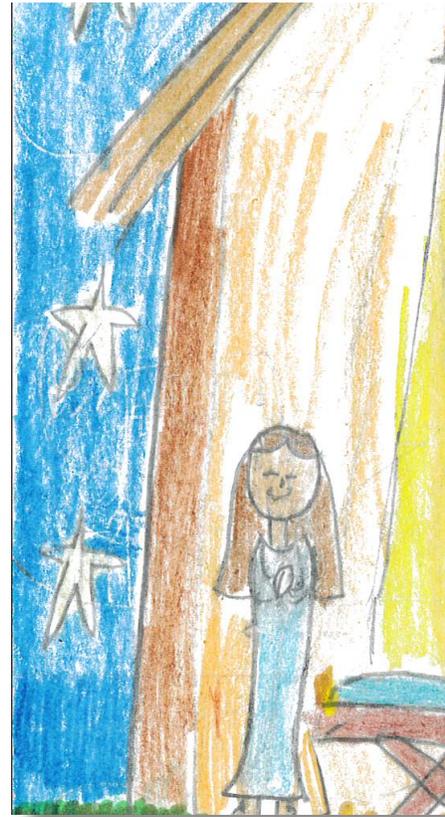
# THE HEART OF OUR MISSION



## ANCHORED IN HOPE

DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

Logo design by St. John Paul II Catholic High School student Tony Stott. School principals selected his design from submissions by students in diocesan high schools.



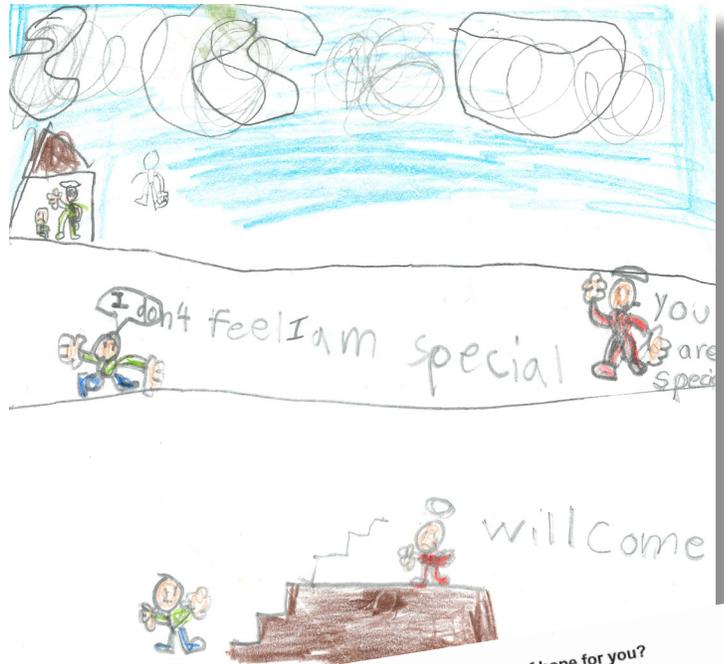
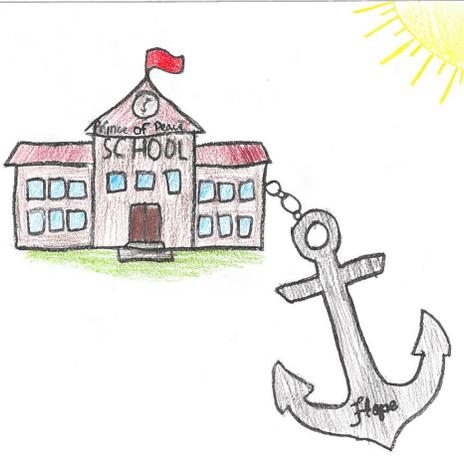
How is your Catholic school an anchor of hope for you?

Draw: My catholic school is an anchor for me because I get to pray every day. I get to learn about my faith and Jesus.



How is your Catholic school an anchor of hope for you?

Draw:



How is your Catholic school an anchor of hope for you?

Write:

We talk about God and Jesus and we go to mass and this is my Catholic school.



Write: I know that Jesus loves me. Jesus is my anchor of hope because he keeps me happy.

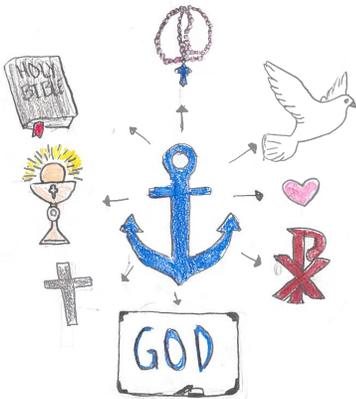
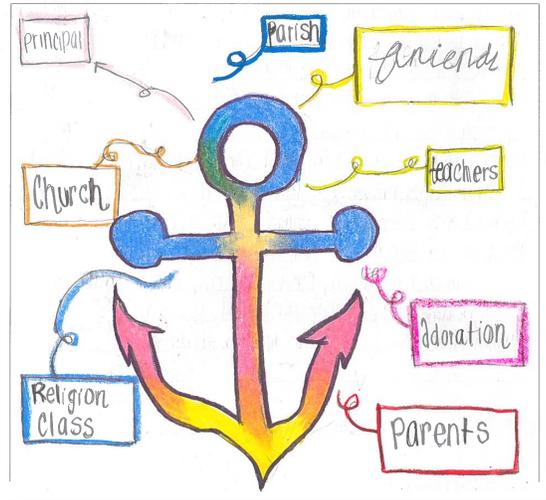
How is Jesus an anchor of hope for you?

Write:

Jesus is an anchor of hope to me because of his unconditional love. Just having Jesus in my life makes it better because I always feel loved. His lovingness already makes the thought of salvation ten times better. Also knowing He has a plan specifically for me makes me hopeful. He takes worries off of my shoulders because I know I can trust Him with everything.

How is your Catholic school an anchor of hope for you?

Draw:



How is Jesus an anchor of hope for you?

Write:

Jesus is an anchor of hope for me. He functions as an anchor that stabilizes me to connect to God's unchanging promises. During the difficult times, giving up is an option. However, practicing the theological virtue of hope sets guidance for me to prevent drifting away from God. Just as an anchor holds a ship, Jesus keeps me firm during hardships and setbacks in life. When I'm in fear, hope removes anxiety and it reminds me that I'm held by Jesus. When I'm over-complicating about my future, hope offers the promise of eternal life. As a teenage girl these days, it's difficult to focus on keeping hope due to worldly pressures, internal struggles with perfectionism, and feeling that God isn't answering my prayers. Trusting in Jesus, staying efficacious, and keeping a practical mindset of staying hopeful will help me be strong enough to not setback.





The 2024-25 Catholic Identity Student Council met with Superintendent Margaret Dubose (*far left*) in Spring 2025 to present their faith initiative accomplishments.

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY STUDENT COUNCIL STUDENTS ANCHORED IN FAITH

In its third year, the Catholic Identity Student Council measured, implemented, and reported on key initiatives designed to strengthen Catholic identity in each of our high schools. Their efforts reflect a deep commitment to improving their own school communities and to guiding diocesan leadership on how best to support faith formation for all students. 2025 saw significant impact from student initiatives, as outlined below.

### **Holy Spirit Catholic High School / *Theology of the Body***

Student leaders facilitated grade-level small groups to explore **Theology of the Body (TOB)**, collaborating with faculty to deliver structured lesson plans and surveying student participants. Their work provided meaningful insights into how TOB can **shape faith understanding and foster a culture of dignity** within the school.

### **John Carroll Catholic High School / *Student-Led Faith Initiatives***

The school expanded and strengthened **student-led faith groups**, including Young Men of Faith, Sodality, and the Rosary Club. Students reviewed membership data, testimonials, and spiritual engagement, learning that **93% of students reported a positive impact on their faith life** and 51% noted more time reading Scripture.

### **St. John Paul II Catholic High School / *New Student Orientation & Mentorship***

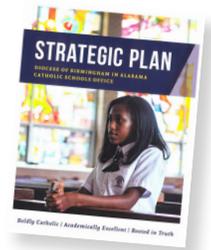
Students developed best practices for **welcoming new students** and reviewed the school's current orientation process. Their study emphasized the value of sustained mentorship—academic, spiritual, and emotional—to **promote belonging and support faith development** from a student's first day onward.

# STRATEGIC PLAN ANCHORING A COMMON VISION

A comprehensive strategic plan, guided and led by the Superintendent of Schools, plays a pivotal role in unifying and focusing our Catholic school culture. Common priorities and direction unify individual school participation in a shared, global endeavor benefiting key areas of school mission—operations, curriculum, Catholic identity, governance, and development. Specific benefits include:

- **Aligning for Success:** in diocesan-wide twice-yearly meetings, educators and advisory council members share best practices and collaborate in professional development.
- **Diocesan Advisory Council for Catholic Education:** a shared strategy has resulted in programs such as the Catholic Identity Student Council, facilities assessments, and more.
- **Formation Day:** this annual meeting of teachers and staff has grown to include professional development workshops focused on strategic goals.
- **School Planning:** several of our schools have developed or updated their strategic plans, helping to unify and renew priorities in local school communities.

A copy of the Strategic Plan is available for download at [bhmdiocese.org/schools](https://bhmdiocese.org/schools).



“**Catholic Education in our diocese is gathering real momentum.**

Through the inspired work of the Catholic Schools Office and the Diocesan Advisory Council for Catholic Education, we are seeing healthy growth in enrollment and programs, while also **advancing a clearer, more ambitious vision for what Catholic education can be within the diocese.** Anchored in the hope of Christ, this vision is creating a strong and resilient path forward for our diocese, our schools, and the families we serve.”

— Tom Economy, 2024-25 Chair, Diocesan Advisory Council for Catholic Education

## Key accomplishments for 2024-25 include:

- ✓ **Building a foundation of funding sustainability** for the Faith in Education Endowment and the Monsignor Michael F. Sexton Continuing Education Endowment.
- ✓ **Ensuring accessibility of Catholic education** through promotion and implementation of the CHOOSE Act at the school and parent level.
- ✓ **Supporting school personnel** through revision of the *Policy Manual for Catholic Schools*.
- ✓ **Ensuring schools form lifelong disciples** through further virtues programming, vocations partnerships, and student-led faith initiatives.
- ✓ **Measuring the impact of the *Strategic Plan for Catholic Education*.**

## Priorities for 2025-26 Include:

- **Revising the *Policy Manual for Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama*** to provide guidance to schools in serving the students of today.
- **Developing an *Aspiring Leaders* program** to help educators in schools discern a career as a Catholic school principal.
- **Supporting school governance structures** through the new principal mentorship program, the New Pastor Orientation Guide, and the School Advisory Council Manual.
- **Growing the Faith in Education Endowment and the Monsignor Michael F. Sexton Continuing Education Endowment** to help schools advance their missions and teachers advance their professional growth.

# CREATING OPPORTUNITY AFFORDABILITY OPTIONS

**D**iocese of Birmingham Catholic Schools are committed to ensuring that Catholic education is affordable and accessible for families, now and in years to come.

Our partnerships with state-based scholarship programs along with local financial assistance options help make a Catholic education possible today for families in schools throughout our diocese.

**More information on all of the programs below is available at [bhmdiocese.org/schools](http://bhmdiocese.org/schools).**

## THE CHOOSE ACT / EDUCATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

In its first year of implementation, the Alabama CHOOSE Act has empowered families statewide with greater access to a Catholic education. This law makes refundable income tax credits available in an educational savings account (ESA) to pay up to \$7,000 of tuition and other qualifying educational school expenses. Applications for the 2026-27 school year open December 15, 2025, for renewals and January 2, 2026 for new applicants. To be eligible for the 2026-2027 academic year, the student must be in grades K5-12, a resident of Alabama, and in a household whose income does not exceed 300% of the federal poverty level for the 2025 tax year.

## SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS / NO-COST TAX LIABILITY REDIRECTION

Generous donors with the Alabama Accountability Act helped 500 students attending our Catholic schools in 2024-25. The Act allows donors to redirect up to 100% of their state tax liability toward tax-credit scholarships for qualifying students who wish to attend the non-public school of their choice. Donors receive a tax credit, and students receive access to a Catholic education. Scholarship Granting Organizations that manage scholarships for our diocesan schools are listed below.



## LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES / SCHOOL- AND PARISH-BASED ASSISTANCE

Many of our schools and parishes have local opportunities for financial support for families. The school's principal, pastor, or admissions director can discuss available options for their school.



Brittany Saibini, Monsignor Sexton Endowment 2025 recipient, is pursuing a Master's Degree in Special Education.

# THE IMPACT OF GENEROSITY

SUSTAINING EXCELLENCE IN FAITH & LEARNING

2024-25 Donor Impact on Catholic schools in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Birmingham

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“While various charitable causes beckon support, the essence of empowering education through faith holds a unique place to us. The ability to nurture minds and shape futures through this avenue is truly rewarding. Together, let’s continue to champion the transformative power of education intertwined with faith, paving the way for a brighter tomorrow for all.”

- Dr. Joe & Sherri Ross

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# ENDOWMENT IMPACT

In 2023, the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Birmingham established two endowments to benefit the diocesan school system. These endowments, which have the dual purposes of advancing initiatives and staff education annually and establishing a foundation for future Catholic school stability, are managed by the Catholic Foundation of North Alabama.

The foundation **provides centralized investment management** to benefit the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and 30 participating diocesan institutions. Chair John P. Maloney, CFA, and Ed Largaespada, CFO, Catholic Diocese of Birmingham, lead a team of financial professionals, clergy, and diocesan leaders. **Advised by Merrill Lynch**, the fund has achieved a **YTD (2024) return of ±12.5%** and posted **foundation expenses of 0.65%**.

## MONSIGNOR MICHAEL F. SEXTON CONTINUING EDUCATION ENDOWMENT STAFF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

The Monsignor Michael F. Sexton Continuing Education Endowment provides annual scholarships for professional staff in diocesan Catholic Schools who wish to continue their education or pursue advanced degrees. Awards cover up to 80% of the recipient's tuition.

### 2024-25 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Brittany Saibini**, resource teacher for grades 6-12, Holy Spirit Catholic School in Tuscaloosa: Master's Degree of Teaching in Special Education, Arkansas State University

*"The Monsignor Sexton Scholarship gave me much-needed financial support to complete my master's degree and deeply validated that my work in special education is seen and valued by our diocese. I am privileged to work with a special population, and my degree program and newly acquired teaching credentials have allowed me to serve my students much more meaningfully."*

**Matthew Ogonowski**, teacher and Dean of Students, Holy Spirit Catholic School in Tuscaloosa: Master's Degree of Instructional Leadership, University of Montevallo

*"The Monsignor Sexton Scholarship has provided me the financial ability to pursue an advanced degree that has strengthened my instructional skills and enabled me to contribute to the long-term success of our school. Coursework in school law, human resources, fiscal planning, curriculum design, and community relations directly informs my daily decisions as Dean of Students at Holy Spirit."*



Superintendent Margaret Dubose presented the 2024-25 awards to Brittany Saibini and Matthew Ogonowski in September 2024.

### AWARD RECIPIENTS WHO GRADUATED IN 2024

**Victoria Jordan**, Counselor, Prince of Peace Catholic School, Certificate in Leadership and Instruction, University of North Alabama, May 2024

**Courtesy Magee**, Principal at St. Joseph Catholic School, Master's Degree in Instructional Leadership, University of North Alabama, December 2024

# FAITH IN EDUCATION ENDOWMENT

## A COMMITMENT TO ASSIST SCHOOLS FROM THE DIOCESAN LEVEL

The Faith in Education Endowment provides annual diocesan grant-based assistance to schools and, through ongoing commitment, continues to work toward an income-producing foundation to sustain future priorities for diocesan Catholic education.

### 2024-25 GRANT RECIPIENTS

All diocesan schools can apply annually for grants to fund extra budgetary initiatives. The Grant Review Committee, comprising the Superintendent of Schools, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Development and Stewardship, clergy, and representation from the Diocesan Advisory Council for Catholic Education, reviews applications and finalizes award decisions.



**Holy Spirit Catholic School, Tuscaloosa:** *Theology of the Body Curriculum and Training*; Jonathan Loper, Principal

**John Carroll Catholic High School, Birmingham:** *Champions of Safety Security Assessment and Training*; Ronald Steele, Principal

**Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School, Homewood:** *Healthy Hallways; STEAM Expansion*; Mary Jane Dorn, Principal

**Prince of Peace Catholic School, Hoover:** *The SALT Approach Materials and Training*; Connie Angstadt, Principal

**St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, Birmingham:** *Reading Interventionist*; Mary Paige Griffith, Principal

**St. John the Baptist Catholic School, Madison:** *3D Printer and Supplies*; Sherry Lewis, Principal

**St. Joseph Regional Catholic School, Florence:** *Makerspace Science Curriculum*; Courtney Magee, Principal

In September 2024, Superintendent Margaret Dubose (far right) presented the 2024-25 awards to principals of schools receiving grants.

### Faith in Education Facts and Figures: 2023-2025

GRANTS FUNDED  
28

SCHOOLS FUNDED  
14

TOTAL AWARDED  
\$131,764

OVERSIGHT  
The Catholic Foundation of North Alabama  
Faith in Education Review Committee

# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

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Martina Baird  
Ken and Arlene McCormick, *includes a Boeing Corporate Match*  
David and Anne McKinley  
Thomas and Jacquelyn Ruble  
Father Daniel Sessions, *in Honor of Msgr. Michael Sexton and Father John McDonald*  
Michael and Sarah Turbe

## **Faith in Education Endowment**

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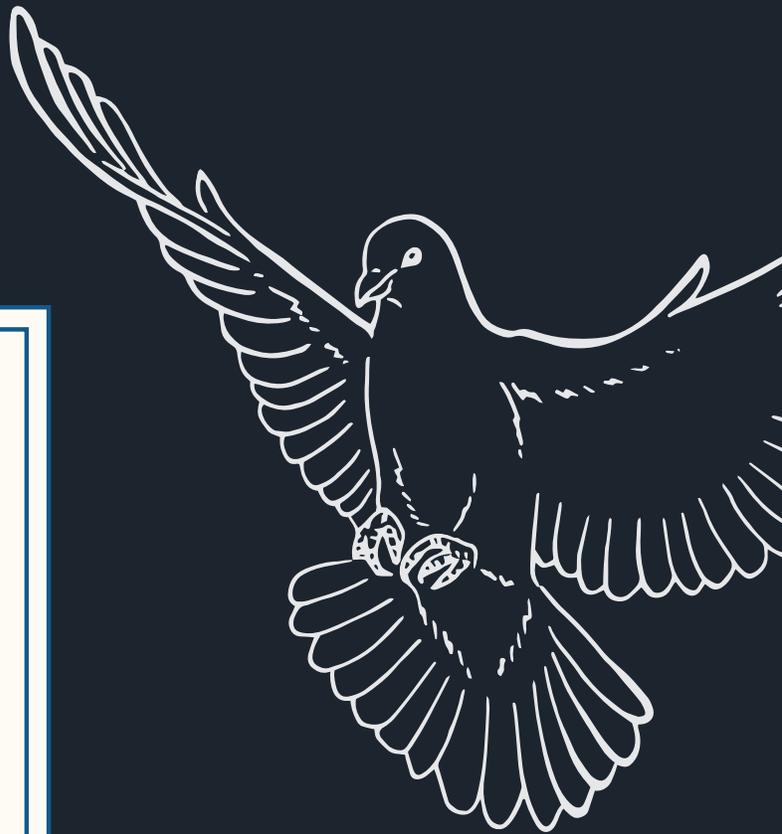
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WE PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS. Grant our students the courage to embody their faith throughout their lives. Keep their focus on You and shield them from temptation. Guide them along the path You have set for them and lead them in their pursuit of their education and life goals.

WE PRAY FOR OUR TEACHERS, STAFF, AND SCHOOL LEADERS. Fill them with the fruits of the Holy Spirit and assist them in utilizing their talents to lead others to You. Bestow upon them Your grace as they guide our students.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS WITH THEIR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE. We offer our heartfelt thanks, Lord Jesus, for those who have responded to Your call to be faithful stewards of the gifts You have bestowed upon them.

Amen.



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