## A Snapshot of Catholic Schools Moving Mountains

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SYSTEM AT A GLANCE 19 ELEMENTARY & 6 HIGH SCHOOLS VIRGINIA SCHOOL SYSTEM IN NUMBER OF STUDENTS OVER 500 professional staff 8TH LARGEST WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL SYSTEM IN NUMBER OF SCHOOLS 13 counties are served by West Virginia Catholic Schools

FAITH



<sup>66</sup> Catholic education gives soul to the world.<sup>99</sup> ~ Pope Francis

## How the Catholic Sharing Appeal Assists Catholic Schools

Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) funding supports all 25 Catholic schools through professional development for over 500 faculty and staff; technology and curriculum enhancements for over 4,500 students; and over \$900,000 in tuition assistance is made available to students, partially funded through the CSA. Additionally, the Catholic Sharing Appeal has supported schools through school based health programs that emphasize the importance of prevention, healthy education, basic screenings and healthcare access. **OUR** West Virginia Catholic Schools provide a strong foundation for the future – spiritually, academically, emotionally, and socially – all in a Christ-centered Catholic environment. **OUR** children are challenged to be the best version of themselves. We bring **OUR** students closer to God!

- Mrs. Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S. Superintendent of Catholic Schools

## nueamap GROWTH Measuring What Matters<sup>\*\*</sup>

A big improvement has been made in the area of standardized testing in our schools. New this school year, we have implemented a practical testing protocol that will be given three times a year which focuses on each student and their individual growth in their learning through the school year! It is called MAP (Measures of Academic Progress). Parents can learn more about it by visiting the Family Toolkit: www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/



Our Catholic schools are grounded in Gospel values and Church tradition. From classrooms and sports assemblies to service projects, the Catholic faith is being lived by the entire school community every day.



The class of 2019 had a graduation rate of 99% and 98% continued on to higher education. The graduating class of 2019 from our six high schools were offered \$15 million in scholarships and accepted to 191 different colleges and universities.



Over \$900,000 in tuition assistance was distributed from the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program to families in need during the 2019-2020 school year.



**OUR MISSION:** The Catholic school communities of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are committed to providing quality education in the Catholic tradition for all students in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment. We accompany families in challenging children to recognize, develop and share their God-given gifts and talents.

## FAMILY TESTIMONIALS

Our world changed the moment we requested to tour St Joseph Catholic School. Our son transitioned into their Kindergarten class after the school year started and we were relieved and grateful that the atmosphere was so positive. The strong sense of community was immediately felt from day one. We knew that our values were reflected in the school and that faith-based education was the future for our family. The teachers provide personal and invaluable lessons that will shape the future and forever be cherished in our household.

Asha Leggett, Parent
St. Joseph School, Huntington



Central Catholic High School

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL

Catholic education is important to our family because it is an investment in our children's lives that is priceless in many ways. We especially value that the learning environment in Catholic schools is Christ centered and service oriented because we hope that our children will take those lessons with them beyond school. The smaller setting allows them to learn and grow in a calm and consistent environment, making it easier to focus and develop close relationships with friends and teachers. These experiences, along with the excellent academic standards, form a strong foundation in faith for our children that our family is thankful to have in our community.

- Laura Deiriggi, Parent St. Francis de Sales Central Catholic School, Morgantown

During my daughter's middle school years at her previous school, it became clear that she needed more than was being offered. We wanted a private school that had a good reputation. The decision to enroll our daughter is worth any amount or distance we must travel.

Beki Parsons, Parent
*Notre Dame High School, Clarksburg* (non-catholic family that commutes an hour to school)

Parkersburg Catholic provides my children with the gifts of faith (and) knowledge, which allows them to learn, serve, lead, and succeed both now and in their grown-up lives. I love what a Parkersburg Catholic education has done for my four children. Their education is a true blessing.

Anne Garvin, Parent
Parkersburg Catholic, Parkersburg

St Joseph's School has promoted academic and spiritual growth in my daughters, teaching them to be successful in high school, as well as keeping Christ at the center of their lives.

Angela Carter, Parent
St. Joseph School, Martinsburg

To find information, more testimonials and a school near you, please visit our website at

www.WVCatholicSchools.org



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Fantastic teachers, small class sizes with lots of individual attention, and the strong moral base that comes with a Christian education are all reasons we chose Saints Peter and Paul for our three children. It feels like family there and has been a great start for academic advancement and raising kind, responsible children.

- Caroline Swank, Parent SS Peter and Paul School, Oak Hill

We feel strongly about keeping our children in Catholic School because we love that they start their day with prayer and that there is a continued focus on God throughout the day. Life can be hectic and stressful, and we feel that this keeps them centered and strong. The combination of God and family along with excellent academics will help them to be successful throughout their lives.

- Kristen Lindle, Parent
  - St. Francis de Sales School, Beckley

I am so thankful for the diverse opportunities that Madonna High School offers our child through its religion studies and other life experiences. At Madonna High School the children receive far more than a high school education. MHS is a gem in the community.

FAITH

Pam Lizon, Grandparent
Madonna High School, Weirton