



Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

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Dear Catholic School Community,

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, please allow me to take a moment to wish you and your family a blessed and healthy Thanksgiving break. This year our schools have continued to strive to provide in-person learning in the best environment possible while continuing to respond to evolving COVID-19 conditions.

While we have faced and will continue to face various challenges as a Catholic educational community, as well as individual schools, we have been blessed by God in many ways. In respect to our Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Saginaw, I am especially thankful for:

- The families that continue to make Catholic education a priority for their children.
- The new families and students that we have welcomed to our schools in the 2021-22 academic year. Overall, our schools experienced a 6.5% increase in enrollment in the current school year.
- All the staff and faculty that serve the mission of Christ through their ministry in our schools. Similar to last year, they have continued to meet the challenges that have been thrust upon them while serving our students and families at a high level.
- The pastors, deacons, and directors of parish life that support and minister to our schools.
- The individual and area parish communities that support the operation of our schools.
- Those who serve on the various school committees and boards that support our mission in a strategic way.
- The members of our Catholic school community that continue to offer their support through their prayers, time, talent, and financial resources.
- My colleagues on the diocesan staff that have worked diligently on various projects that support the mission of our Catholic schools.

I hope that this upcoming break provides you with an opportunity to make new memories with family and friends. Thank you for all that you do to support Catholic education.

"In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus"
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Respectfully,

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