



**ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE of ORANGE**

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Dear Administrators, Faculty, Staff, Parents and All Those Who Support Catholic Education,

During the week of January 29<sup>th</sup> through February 4<sup>th</sup> we are celebrating our annual Catholic Schools Week with many celebratory events at individual school sites. From open houses to Grandparents Day to special events on our high school campuses, the week is dedicated to the extraordinary value of Catholic education. The theme of “*Learn... Serve... Lead... Succeed.*” is strong in our schools not only for this week but throughout the year. These qualities are our trademarks. Furthermore, the qualities of *Faith, Knowledge* and *Service* can easily be used to summarize this theme.

***Faith***

Our schools are indeed communities of faith within whose walls are extraordinary people building the Kingdom of God within the minds and hearts of their students and in themselves. Our Catholic Identity sets us apart from other educational institutions and serves as our strong foundation of learning. Working in partnership with our parents, faith is what binds us together in providing a circle of support for our students.

***Knowledge***

Tradition has indeed proven that academic programs in our schools are strong in preparing students for their next educational steps as well as for life. Current advances in the curriculum in the areas of Blended Learning, STEM and over-all 21st learning skills, coupled with traditional foundations, continue to serve as hallmarks to our continuing excellence.

***Service***

Service is an outgrowth and a physical example of our faith. Demonstrating a love for others, by outreach into the community and beyond, we seek to make a positive contribution to our society. It also sets the stage for leadership of our students in the world of the future.

In summation, our schools are beacons in shaping the hearts and minds of students in a way that is powerful and unique. With continuing efforts in strategic planning, schools within the Diocese of Orange will continue to provide an outstanding education for our students and families. We are most grateful to those who support our mission.

Congratulations and gratitude to all who have joined in this special ministry of the Church!

Sincerely,

Interim Superintendent  
Diocese of Orange