



DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION
OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

2017 ANNUAL REPORT
ON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



...POWERING
POTENTIAL

TO LIVE OUR MISSION TO PREPARE HEARTS, EDUCATE MINDS,
REVEAL CHRIST AND CULTIVATE THE ROMAN CATHOLIC TRADITION

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MISSION STATEMENT

IN FULFILLING THE BISHOP'S VISION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION, THE OFFICES OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN COMMIT EXPERTISE, TIME AND ENERGY TO PROVIDE SYSTEMIC STANDARDS FOR LEADERSHIP, SUPPORT, AND SERVICE AS PREP PROGRAMS AND SCHOOLS LIVE THEIR MISSION TO PREPARE HEARTS, EDUCATE MINDS, REVEAL CHRIST AND CULTIVATE THE ROMAN CATHOLIC TRADITION.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Peace and all good things!

It is my sincere hope that this Annual Report on Catholic schools provides you with both information and hope for the future of our Church and nation. Pope Francis, in his 2014 address to the Congregation for Catholic Education, stated that Catholic education is "one of the most important challenges" for the Church today in a culture that is undergoing "constant transformation." Most importantly, Pope Francis reminds all of us that the mission of Catholic education is Jesus Christ; "the meaning of life, the cosmos and history."

This report highlights accomplishments in the areas of Mission/Catholic Identity, Academic Achievement, Operational Vitality and Governance & Leadership. Our progress in achieving goals is the result of dedicated service, support and sacrifice from so many in our schools: parents, faculty/staff, administrators, school advisory board members, pastors and friends. It is also our Christian hope that gives us the courage to face the many challenges of educating and forming today's youth and empowering their potential.

We are called to evangelize and witness to the living presence of God in a world that is in need of the treasure of Catholic education. With a renewed focus on fulfilling the Church's mission of educating our children in the Catholic faith, we celebrate the achievements of our Catholic schools. You have helped us achieve these feats, all to the glory of God!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.*

Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.
Bishop of Savannah



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Expectations are that all students will exceed minimum standards and fulfill their potential academically. Rigor and relevancy are key to high level learning and problem solving.

\$13.8
– MILLION –
AWARDED

**IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
TO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES**

77 ADVANCED
PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES
ARE OFFERED WITH
49% STUDENT
– ENROLLMENT –

AVERAGE
– STAFF TO STUDENT –
RATIO: 1:12

ALL SCHOOLS
– ARE ACCREDITED –
THROUGH
SACS/ADVANC-ED

13 PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS
– ARE SPONSORED –
AT CATHOLIC SCHOOL SITES

ADMINISTRATORS &
TEACHERS ARE **REQUIRED TO**
– HOLD & MAINTAIN –
STATE CERTIFICATION

4,899
– TOTAL ENROLLMENT –
ELEMENTARY: 3,364
HIGH SCHOOL: 1,535



GRACE SCHOLARS

GRACE Scholars provides children from families with financial need throughout the State with greater opportunities. Gifts to GRACE Scholars is an opportunity to give the gift that *powers potential*.

338
– STUDENTS –
RECEIVE
SCHOLARSHIPS
FROM **GRACE SCHOLARS**



GRACE SCHOLARS

\$2,747
– IS THE AVERAGE –
GRACE SCHOLARS
AWARD

– THROUGH YOUR –
GENEROSITY,

57%
OF STUDENT FINANCIAL
NEED WAS PROVIDED

37%
OF **GRACE SCHOLARSHIPS**
– WERE AWARDED –
TO STUDENTS WITHIN
THE DIOCESE
OF SAVANNAH



MISSION & CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Schools afford all students, staff members and parents opportunities to grow in faith and serve the community.

7 OUT OF 10
STUDENTS ARE
– CATHOLIC –

– SACRAMENTAL – PREPARATION

AND REGULAR PARTICIPATION IN
SACRAMENTAL LIFE IS AN INTEGRAL
PART OF SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

576
– SERVICE HOURS –
ARE CONTRIBUTED BY EACH SCHOOL
MONTHLY

– SUPPORTING – DIVERSITY

20%
OF ENROLLED STUDENTS COME
FROM **DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS**



OPERATIONAL VITALITY

Schools are efficiently managed – fiscal matters, curriculum & instruction, physical plant, personnel and resources. Stakeholders are important to the vitality of the school.

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PROVIDE
– AN AVERAGE OF –
\$45,560,700
IN ANNUAL SAVINGS
BASED UPON GA AVERAGE
COST-TO-EDUCATE RATE (\$9,300)

\$8,743/\$11,056
– AVERAGE –
COST TO EDUCATE
FOR ELEMENTARY/HS

10%
OF GEORGIA'S SCHOOL-AGED
CHILDREN ARE EDUCATED IN
NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNUALLY
– SAVING –
\$1.2 BILLION
ANNUALLY

– SCHOOLS –
RECEIVE
\$470,000
IN DIOCESAN SUBSIDIES

\$5,870/\$10,393
– AVERAGE –
TUITION RATE
FOR ELEMENTARY/HS

43%
– RECEIVE –
ADDITIONAL TUITION
ASSISTANCE

– EVERY STUDENT –
RECEIVES SUBSIDIES
ELEMENTARY TUITION: 67%
OF COST TO EDUCATE
HIGH SCHOOL TUITION: 94%
OF COST TO EDUCATE



ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Our schools athletic programs and athletes are recognized for their competitiveness and good sportsmanship. Several schools in our Diocese are top-ranked in volleyball, soccer, football and baseball.

– SVA –
2016 STATE CHAMPIONS
VOLLEYBALL & SOCCER
2016 VOLLEYBALL COACH OF THE YEAR;
2016 STATE OF GEORGIA AA
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
OF THE YEAR



– ST. ANNE-PACELLI –
WAS AWARDED THE
2016 GHSA COOPERATIVE SPIRIT
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
9 ATHLETES SIGNED
TO PLAY COLLEGIATE LEVEL SPORTS

– BENEDICTINE –
NO. 1 BEST ATHLETICS
4 YEARS IN A ROW
2017 STATE CHAMPIONS IN SOCCER
2016, 2014 STATE CHAMPIONS IN FOOTBALL
2014, 2015 REGION CHAMPIONS IN
CROSS COUNTRY, BASEBALL,
GOLF, SOCCER AND TENNIS
3 ATHLETES SIGNED
TO PLAY COLLEGIATE LEVEL FOOTBALL

– AQUINAS –
REGION CHAMPIONS
2017 MEN'S BASKETBALL
2014 STATE CHAMPIONS
IN FOOTBALL

– MDS –
GHSA VOLLEYBALL
DIVISION CHAMPS
2015 – 2016
2 ATHLETES ADVANCED TO STATE
COMPETITION IN WRESTLING



ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

The Diocese of Savannah is proud of our students' academic achievements. The well-rounded curriculum of our Catholic Schools supports our students' competency and skill level.

74%

– STUDENTS TESTED –
OUTPERFORMED THE NATIONAL AVERAGE
IN READING, LANGUAGE, MATH,
SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

STUDENTS IN THE DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH **OUTPERFORMED THE SAT NATIONAL AVERAGE**
– 39 POINTS –
IN READING AND
– 19 POINTS –
IN MATHEMATICS

STUDENTS IN THE DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH **OUTPERFORMED THE ACT NATIONAL AVERAGES BY 11%**



ACCOLADES/AWARDS

Dedicated teachers and staff are recognized for leading and inspiring our students to excel in faith, leadership, academics and service within our communities.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN AUGUSTA SPECIAL NEEDS CATHOLIC PROGRAM RECEIVED **TODAY'S CATHOLIC TEACHER 2016 INNOVATION IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARD**

MRS. ERIKA MINNIS
AT ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL – WAS AWARDED –
THE **POWERING POTENTIAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD**

MISS NINA (ADDIE) COLEMAN, OF ST. VINCENT'S ACADEMY IN SAVANNAH, RECEIVED THE **2017 YOUTH VIRTUES, VALOR & VISION AWARD** FROM THE **NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION**



GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

ALL school principals are Catholic and serve as the model of faith. Leaders are highly-qualified and supported in their work.

– DIOCESAN MODELS –
OF EDUCATION
PARISH & DIOCESAN-SPONSORED SCHOOLS, INDEPENDENT, RELIGIOUS ORDER-SPONSORED, SPECIAL DESIGNATION (SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND STEWARDSHIP MODEL)



– 30% OF TEACHERS –
HAVE ADVANCED DEGREES

DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BY CITY / AREA

ALBANY DEANERY

(PRE K – GRADE 10)
St. Teresa Catholic School
www.stteresas.org

AUGUSTA DEANERY

(PRE K – GRADE 8)
Immaculate Conception Catholic School
www.icaugusta.org

(K – GRADE 8)

St. Mary on the Hill Catholic School
www.stmaryssaints.org

(GRADES 9 – 12)

Aquinas Catholic High School
www.aquinashigh.org

COLUMBUS DEANERY

(PRE K – GRADE 12)
St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic Elementary & High School
www.sasphsnet.net

MACON/WARNER ROBINS DEANERY

(PRE K – GRADE 8)
Sacred Heart Catholic School
www.shswr.org

St. Joseph Catholic School
www.saintjo.com

St. Peter Claver Catholic School
www.spcschoo.com

(GRADES 6 – 12)

*Mount de Sales Academy **
www.mountdesales.net

SAVANNAH DEANERY

(PRE K – GRADE 8)
Blessed Sacrament Catholic School
www.bss-savannah.org

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School
www.cabrini-sav.org

St. James Catholic School
www.sjcs-savannahga.org

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School
www.school.saintpetertheapostle.com

(GRADES 9 – 12)

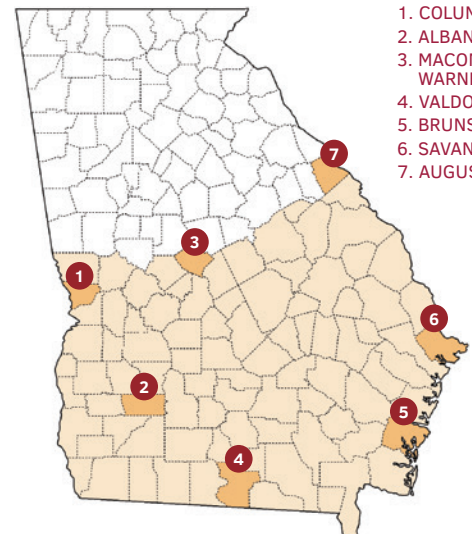
*Benedictine Military School * – All Boys*
www.bcsav.net

*St. Vincent's Academy * – All Girls*
www.svaga.net

VALDOSTA/BRUNSWICK DEANERY

(PRE K – GRADE 8)
St. Francis Xavier Catholic School
www.sfxcs.org

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School
www.stjohnschl.org



1. COLUMBUS
2. ALBANY
3. MACON – WARNER ROBINS
4. VALDOSTA
5. BRUNSWICK
6. SAVANNAH
7. AUGUSTA

* Denotes Independent/Religious Order Catholic School.