



COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

"These first two values of our Catholic schools — academics and atmosphere — produce tremendous benefits for our community. Social scientists tell us that alumni of Catholic schools overwhelmingly go on to college, land better jobs, enter enduring marriages with united families, and take leadership roles in society. Not bad! It seems that if you want to reduce unemployment, poverty, broken families, violence, drugs, and crime, you support Catholic schools!"
 -Cardinal Timothy Dolan

AFFORDABILITY

The Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization awarded over **\$5,350,737** in need based tuition grants to **3,020 students** representing **31%** of the students attending Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Families are eligible for STO assistance if their taxable income is at or below 300% of the federal poverty rate for the previous tax year. The STO grants are made possible through the support of hundreds of donors across the Archdiocese. These donors not only receive the satisfaction of helping thousands of students, but also receive an Iowa income tax credit equal to 65% of the total donation. In addition, their entire gift is eligible for federal income tax deductibility. The goal for the 2018 tax year is **\$5,278,555**. Donor applications, as well as a complete explanation of the program, are available at www.OurFaithSTO.org. This program benefits all of the Archdiocese. Please support and share this program with others.



A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL O. JACKELS

One of the mission priorities for the Archdiocese of Dubuque is to strengthen programs for education in the Catholic Faith. This can be considered the most important Church ministry for continuing the mission of Jesus. Why? Because all Church ministries are inspired by love of Jesus. But we cannot love what we do not know, and we cannot know unless someone teaches us.

That is why it can be said that all Church ministries rise or fall on the strength of our efforts to educate and form people in our Catholic Faith. With regard to school-age children, we believe that parents are the first and best teachers of their children in how to live as a follower of Jesus. And when parents look to the Church for help, the best we can offer is a Catholic school, which partners with parents, but does not take their place. Even with the best teachers and facilities, if the faith is not taught and lived at home, the ministry of a Catholic school is greatly handicapped.

We should all be concerned that Catholic schools are high quality and accessible, even if we don't have school-age children, because of what is at stake: To make students different and better, so as to increase the potential that they make the world different and better with the light and salt of the Gospel!

God reward all who do so much as partners to continue the mission of Jesus by strengthening programs for education in the Catholic Faith, like the Catholic school.

2017 ACT SCORES

2017 Participation Rates: Archdiocese: 91.9% | State of Iowa: 67%

Average ACT scores by subject	English	Math	Reading	Science
Archdiocese	23.2	22.5	23.9	23.5
State of Iowa	21.2	21.3	22.6	22.1

DID YOU KNOW?

All schools within the Archdiocese of Dubuque are accredited through the Iowa Department of Education. This means they must meet all of the stated DE requirements for nonpublic schools including alignment with curriculum standards, reporting student assessment data, and being subject to state "Differentiated Accountability" visits. In addition, all administrators and teachers are licensed through the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners.

AT A GLANCE

- 42** Early Childhood Centers
- 45** Elementary and Middle Schools
- 7** High Schools
- 9,653** K-12 Students
- 3,344** Early Childhood Students



On Sunday, January 28 through Saturday, February 3, all Archdiocesan Catholic Schools will join Catholic schools across the country to celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018. This is the 45th anniversary of the event whereby schools, parishes and Dioceses in the United States join together to thank God for the gift of Catholic Schools and to celebrate.