



COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

“The mission of the Catholic school is the integral formation of students, so that they may be true to their condition as Christ’s disciples and as such work effectively for the evangelization of culture and for the common good of society.”

– Holy Father Pope John Paul II, May 30, 1998

AFFORDABILITY

The Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization awarded over \$5,039,161, in 2018 in need based tuition grants to 3,063 students representing 33% 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 400% 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. 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 JACKELS



One of the mission priorities for the Archdiocese of Dubuque is to strengthen programs for on-going education in the Catholic Faith.

Of all Church ministries, teaching the Catholic Faith is the most important because we can’t love what we don’t know, and we can’t know unless someone teaches us.

Because all Church ministries are inspired by love of God, it can be said that all ministry rises or falls on the strength of our efforts to educate and form people in our Catholic Faith.

With regard to school-age children, their parents are the first and best teachers of how to live as a follower of Jesus.

And if parents look to the Church for help in that responsibility, a Catholic school is the best we can offer.

But even the best Catholic school can’t take the place of parents. If the faith is not taught and lived at home, the effect of a Catholic school is greatly handicapped.

All of us, whether we have school-age children or not, should be concerned that Catholic schools are high quality and financially accessible. Why? Because they are the future leaders, and if work at making them better people, then there is a greater chance they will make the world a better place.

God reward all who are partners to continue the mission of Jesus in the ministries of the Church, especially by strengthening programs for on-going education in the Catholic Faith!

2018 ACT SCORES

2018 Participation Rates: Archdiocese: 90% | State of Iowa: 68%

Average ACT scores by subject	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
Archdiocese	23.9	22.6	24.2	23.9	23.8
State of Iowa	21.0	21.2	22.5	22.0	21.8

AT A GLANCE

42 Early Childhood Centers **7** High Schools
43 Elementary and Middle Schools **9,384** K-12 Students
3,312 Early Childhood Students

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 and reporting student assessment data. In addition, all administrators and teachers are licensed through the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners.



Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2019 is January 27 - February 2. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2019 is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.”