

# REPORT FOR THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

## Our Vision

For students to become faith-filled adults who, guided by gospel values, shape our world with knowledge, integrity and compassion.

## Our Mission

To educate and inspire young minds spiritually, academically and in service to others.

### A Message from Bishop Dennis Sullivan:

Thank you for your support of South Jersey Catholic schools. We are proud to offer an academic experience that allows our students to grow their faith, receive an outstanding education, and participate in a wide range of activities outside the classroom, especially service to others.

Our schools are a gift not only to our students and their families, but to our church, to society, and to the professions, communities and world our students will shape as adults. That is why I believe a Catholic School education is the gift of a lifetime.

Our schools work tirelessly to help make a Catholic education affordable for as many students as possible, but tuition remains prohibitive for many families. My hope is that broad support of our schools will help lower tuition expenses, enabling more families to share the Catholic school experience.

### A Message from Miss Mary P. Boyle, Superintendent of Schools:

South Jersey Catholic Schools employ administrators, faculty and staff members who dedicate every day to helping young minds grow spiritually, academically and in service to others. Our students are eager learners, growing in faith and knowledge and seeking ways to make a difference in their communities.

I invite you to discover why a Catholic school education is the gift of a lifetime. Join us during Catholic Schools Week (January 29-February 4), or any week, to explore a school near you. (See a listing of our schools on page 4.)



## Operational Vitality

Tuition remains our primary source of funding, but each school relies on fundraisers, sponsored scholarships, an annual fund campaign, gifts and donations to help offset operating costs and subsidize tuition. Parish and diocesan efforts help create additional financial support.

### Inter-parochial Catholic School Fund (ICSF)

The model for South Jersey Catholic elementary schools has changed over the last several years. Historically, schools were attached to a single parish or regional parishes, which were responsible for school funding and governance. Today, each school maintains close community relationships and ties with a primary host parish. Now parishes contribute to the Interparochial Catholic School Fund (ICSF), a pooled resource for schools throughout the diocese.

For the 2015-16 school year, funds from the ICSF were allocated based on financial support schools received directly from parishes before the new model was adopted. In 2017, a committee with a pastor from each deanery will make recommendations about fund allocation based on a review of each school and total available dollars. Creation of the ICSF is consistent with recommendations from the Bishop's 2014 commission report on the future of Catholic schools.

### South Jersey Scholarship Fund for Catholic Education

An annual fundraiser helps support the South Jersey Scholarship Fund, which provides tuition scholarships to diocesan school students. Proceeds from the scholarship fund are allocated among the schools, where administrators make need-based award decisions. The "Magic of Christmas" concert supported the 2015-16 scholarship fund and featured the New York Tenors and students from several diocesan schools.

### Catholic Schools Week Collection

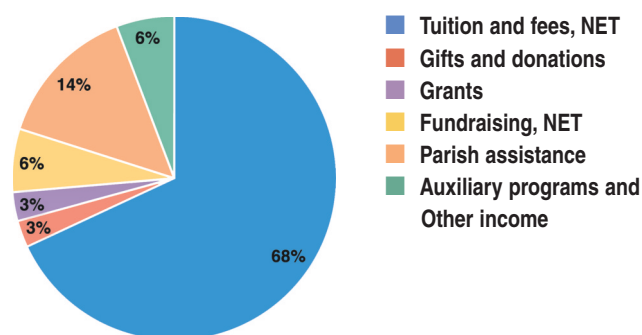
Held in late January, the Catholic Schools Week collection is an annual appeal to all members of the diocese to support the important mission of Catholic schools.

### House of Charity, Bishop's Annual Appeal

Ten of our neediest schools were among the grateful beneficiaries of Bishop's Annual Appeal, which provides "care, respect, justice, peace and dignity for every soul in the Diocese of Camden."

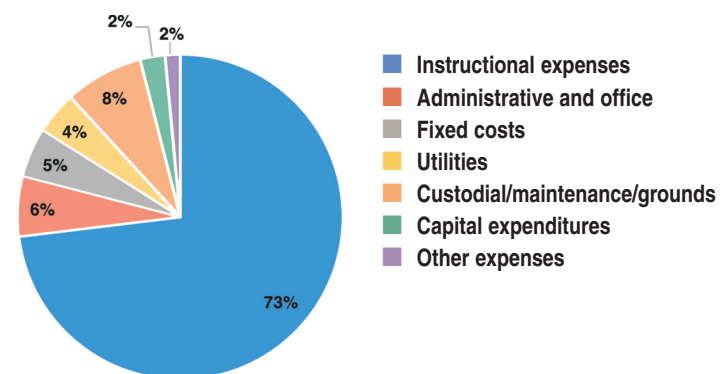
## Financial Information

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: REVENUE



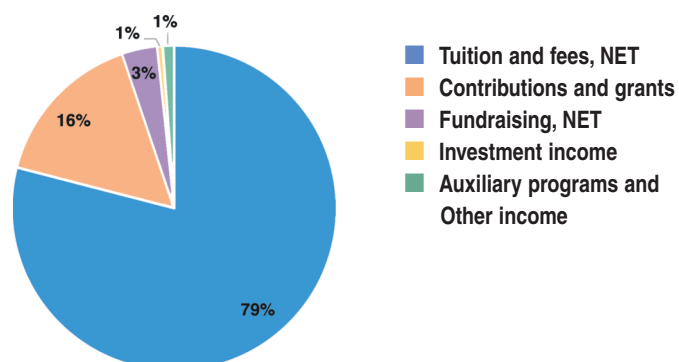
REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Tuition and fees, NET	23,406,157	68%
Gifts and donations	921,732	3%
Grants	985,859	3%
Fundraising, NET	2,166,438	6%
Parish assistance	4,921,077	14%
Auxiliary programs and other income	1,984,724	6%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>34,385,987</b>	

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: EXPENSES



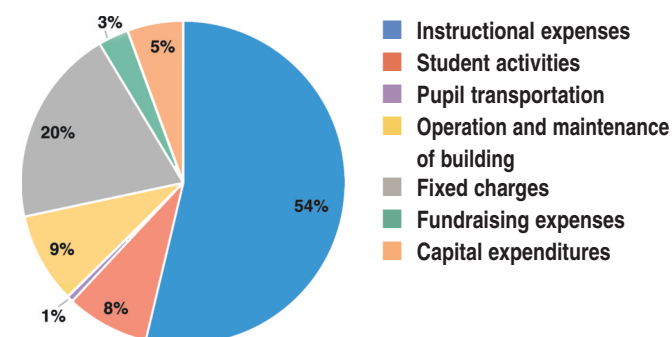
TYPE OF EXPENSE	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Instructional expenses	24,933,807	73%
Administrative and office	2,032,807	6%
Fixed costs	1,671,404	5%
Utilities	1,451,086	4%
Custodial/maintenance/grounds	2,672,052	8%
Capital expenditures	842,375	2%
Other expenses	515,067	2%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>34,118,598</b>	

### HIGH SCHOOLS: REVENUE



REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Tuition and fees, NET	26,561,325	79%
Contributions and grants	5,305,334	16%
Fundraising, NET	1,170,690	3%
Investment income	190,805	1%
Auxiliary programs and other income	378,604	1%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>33,606,758</b>	

### HIGH SCHOOLS: EXPENSES



TYPE OF EXPENSE	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Instructional expenses	18,066,679	54%
Student activities	2,766,684	8%
Pupil transportation	214,871	1%
Operation and maintenance of building	3,048,561	9%
Fixed charges	6,635,590	20%
Fundraising expenses	1,018,876	3%
Capital expenditures	1,876,552	5%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>33,627,813</b>	

## Leadership and Governance

### Appointments and Retirements

In 2016, we welcomed seven administrators and celebrated two retirements. We are blessed by the contributions of our new and retired leaders.

#### New Administrators

- Father Allain Caparas: President and Principal, Saint Joseph High School, Hammonton
- Sister Nancy Kindelan, IHM: Principal, Saint Theresa Regional Catholic School, Runnemede
- Mrs. Anne Marie Mercado: Assistant Principal, Dean of Students/Athletic Director, Saint Joseph High School, Hammonton
- Sister Rosa Maria Ojeda: Principal, Bishop Schad Regional School, Vineland
- Mr. Joseph Saffioti: Principal, Saint Peter Regional Catholic School, Merchantville
- Mr. Douglas Wallace: Dean of Students, Camden Catholic High School, Cherry Hill

- Mrs. Molly Webb: Principal, Resurrection Catholic School, Cherry Hill

#### Retirements

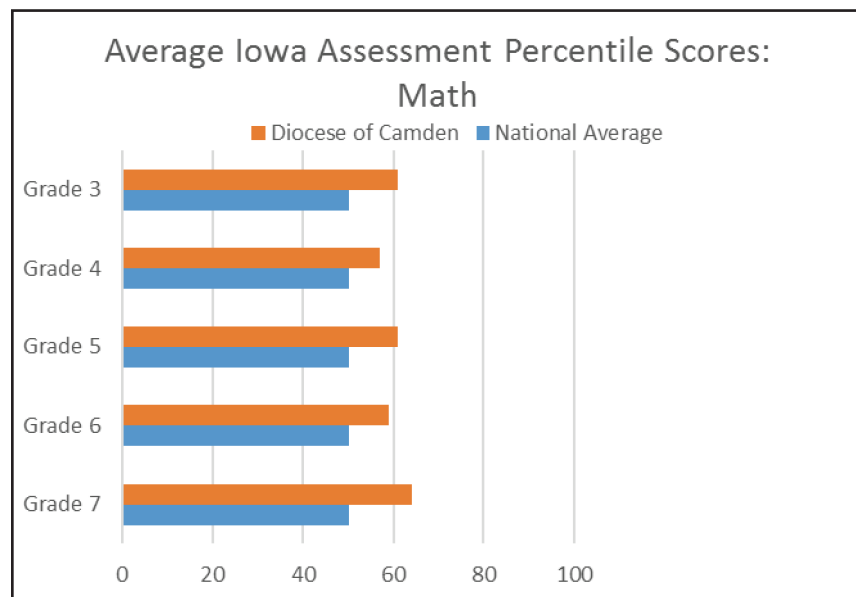
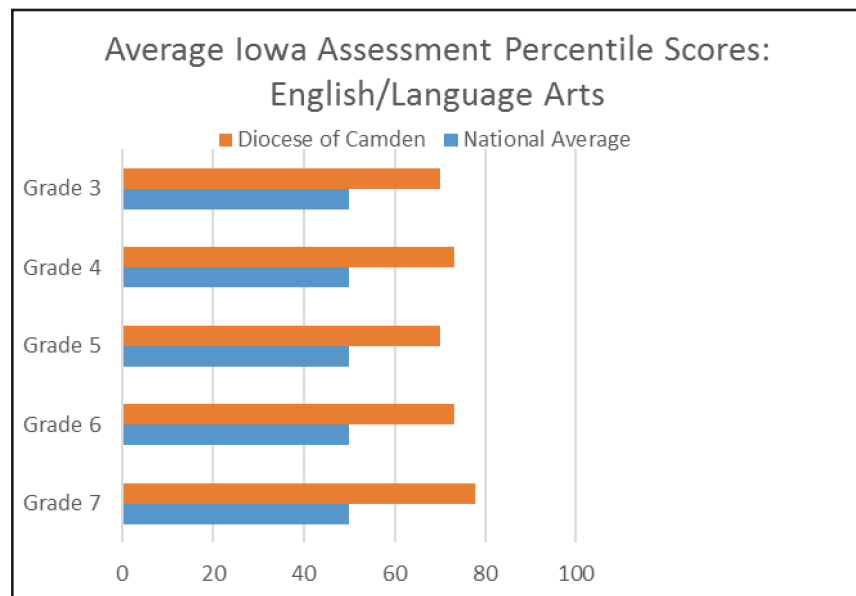
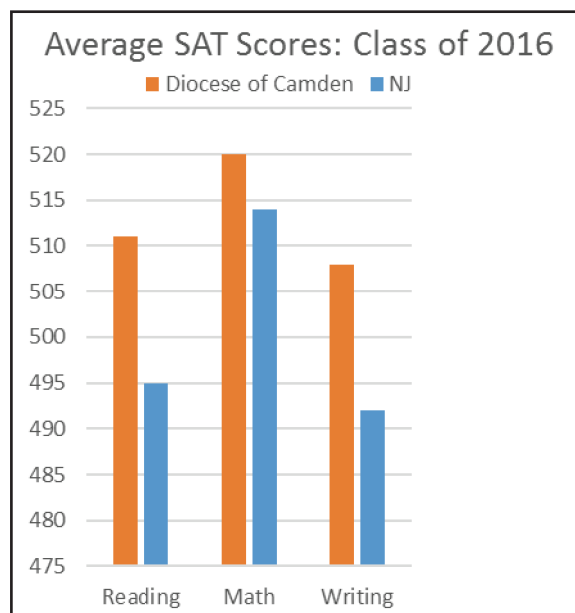
- Dr. Patrice DeMartino: Principal, Bishop Schad Regional School, Vineland. Before retiring, Dr. DeMartino received the prestigious 2016 Lead. Learn. Proclaim. award from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)
- Mrs. Lynn Domenico: Principal, Saint Joseph High School Hammonton

#### School Pastors' Institute

Since 2014, 16 of our pastors have attended the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) School Pastors' Institute (SPI) at the University of Notre Dame. The program is a leadership forum that explores pastors' roles in the schools and promotes collaboration and adherence to best practices. Six additional pastors have been invited to attend in 2017.

High school students in our six diocesan and three private high schools were offered nearly \$175 million in academic and athletic college scholarships. Over 96 percent of our 2016 graduates enrolled in college; four students earned spots in military academies, and 13 enlisted for military service.

**South Jersey Catholic school students consistently out-perform national and state averages on Iowa Assessments and SATs.**



**St. Mary's Regional School, East Vineland, received Healey Education Foundation's highest honor, the Founders Grant, with an award of \$10,000.**

# Programmatic Excellence

## Curriculum

We believe in educating the whole person. Our schools follow rigorous curriculum guidelines established by the Diocese of Camden Office of Catholic Schools. These guidelines build on the strong academic tradition of Catholic schools, incorporate national and state curriculum standards, and allow us to bring the Gospel message of Jesus into all facets of learning. Within and beyond diocesan guidelines, our schools offer a wide range of courses that allow students to develop a world view, explore potential careers, build on critical thinking skills and have fun along the way.

## Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

Over 25 percent of our high school juniors and seniors take at least one AP course. In 2016, our students took a total of 1,126 AP exams in 26 courses, ranging from Calculus, Environmental Science and French to Physics, Studio Art and World History.

## College Partnerships

In addition to AP opportunities, our high schools offer courses that enable students to earn college credit. Some courses are held on site; for others, students travel to college campuses. This arrangement is made possible through our connections with several Catholic and state universities and colleges throughout New Jersey.

## Our Faculty and Administration

A Catholic school career is a vocation. Our teachers and administrators respond to a call to share their knowledge and faith with students. A quarter of our teachers have master's degrees, and many come to



our schools with career experience in areas such as business, law, medicine, technology and the arts.

## Professional Development

In 2016, the diocese completed year two of a three-year literacy initiative with the Penn Literacy Network (PLN) at the University of Pennsylvania. The diocese also has a long-term partnership with the University of Notre Dame for curriculum planning and new assessment techniques to ensure all students keep up with the rigor that characterizes Catholic schools. Collaborative efforts among teachers have led to the development of a new math, science, and language arts curriculum.

## Middle States Accreditation

All South Jersey Catholic Schools are fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools – a non-governmental, nonprofit, peer-administered organization committed to ensuring students receive the highest quality education. To earn and maintain accreditation, a school must meet rigorous, defined standards in areas such as mission and beliefs, governance, leadership and planning, business and finance, staffing, academics and student life, health and safety.

# Enrollment

Catholic schools report enrollment information to the National Catholic Educational Association as of October each school year. Below are the numbers reported for the 2015-16 school year.

	Number of schools	Number of students	Number of faculty, administration and staff
<b>Elementary Schools</b>	28		599
• Pre-K		945	
• K-8		7045	
<b>Secondary Schools</b>			
• Diocesan	6	3249	253
• Private	3	1475	163
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>12,714</b>	<b>1015</b>

## Reaching out to Latino Families

The Latino Enrollment Initiative took shape in 2014 as a way to meet the needs of the fastest growing Catholic population in the country. In our six-county area alone, the Latino population is approximately 200,000. The Office of Catholic Schools was awarded a three-year grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development for a full-time consultant to help increase Latino enrollment in our schools. This initiative was implemented in partnership with the Alliance for Catholic Education at the University of Notre Dame. The Latino Enrollment Initiative not only supports enrollment, it helps students and families become an integral part of our school communities. Since inception, our Latino enrollment has grown by nearly 20 percent.

# Accomplishments, Accolades

South Jersey Catholic School students continue to make their mark in and out of the classroom. Following are just a few accomplishments and accolades from our diocesan schools in 2015-16.

## In Service to Others

Our students put others first by collecting and distributing food, diapers, toys, clothing and household goods; serving meals in shelters; creating bags with snacks and personal care items for people experiencing homelessness; making throw blankets for chemo patients and cards for soldiers; visiting and performing for senior citizens; participating in "Summer in the City," a unique service-learning experience for high school students; running a special needs basketball league; responding quickly in the aftermath of natural disasters; participating in hands-on environmental clean-up efforts.



Our school families raised money for many worthy organizations, including Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Ronald McDonald House, local shelters and food pantries, Fallen Heroes, Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation.

## Academics

In 2015-16, South Jersey Catholic high schools celebrated 20 National Merit Commended Scholars, one semi-finalist and one finalist; 10 Latin Exam honors students; the highest score in the nation for Catholic Math league; a state representative and Award of



Excellence recipient at the National Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders; the most advanced student pursuing nursing in New Jersey; and numerous community awards for scholarship and leadership.

Select elementary school accomplishments in 2015-16 include first and second place in the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society Philcon 2015 Young Writers' Contest; participation in the ACE National History bee, champions in advanced level spelling bee and science fairs; numerous poetry and essay contest winners at local and state levels; four NJHS Achievement Award recipients in one school. Catholic elementary school students typically capture the top 10 scores in the diocesan high school placement test.



## The Arts

South Jersey Catholic School students have talent. 2015-16 boasted several Philadelphia Honor Band members (eight students from one school) and seats in the Atlantic Cape Honors band; placement in the classical piano division of the Shanghai International Piano competition; New Jersey all-state chorus members; dancers in The Atlantic City Ballet's production of The Nutcracker; a silver medalist in the world tap dancing championship; student artwork on the cover of Catholic Digest; Catholic Daughters of America awards for art and photography; high-level drama and forensics competitors (including national); an international origami contest winner (a first-grader, whose work has been displayed nationally).

The Chamber Choir from one of our high schools proudly sang for Pope Francis at the Vatican while touring Italy.

## Athletics

2015-16 team victories include state baseball champions; league and conference winners in football, ice hockey, wrestling, boy's soccer, girls volleyball, and girls track; multiple first-place athletes in the Penn Relays;



18 medals for one girls crew team; celebration of more than 600 wins for a girls basketball coach. Athletes were recognized with designations and awards, such as South Jersey Times Swimmer of the Year; Track and Field All-American status; Cape Atlantic

League All-Stars in all sports, South Jersey Coaches Association Sportsmanship Award, Wendy's High School Heisman Award; USA Swimming Scholastic All-American designation.

South Jersey Catholic high school athletes across all sports earned spots on college teams in all divisions. Four alums participated in the 2016 summer Olympics, and four former baseball players were drafted by major league baseball teams.

**Diocesan Elementary Schools**  
 Assumption Regional Catholic School, Galloway  
 Bishop McHugh Regional School, Cape May Court House  
 Bishop Schad Regional School, Vineland  
 Cape Trinity Catholic Regional School, Wildwood  
 Christ the King Regional School, Haddonfield  
 Good Shepherd Regional School, Collingswood  
 Guardian Angels Regional School, Gibbstown  
 Holy Name School, Camden  
 Holy Trinity Regional School, Westville Grove  
 John Paul II Regional School, Stratford  
 Our Lady of Hope Regional School, Blackwood  
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Regional School, Berlin  
 Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School, Atlantic City  
 Resurrection Regional Catholic Schools, Cherry Hill  
 Sacred Heart School, Camden  
 St. Anthony of Padua School, Camden  
 St. Cecilia School, Pennsauken  
 St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral School, Camden  
 St. Joseph Regional School, Hammonton  
 St. Joseph Regional School, Somers Point  
 St. Margaret Regional School, Woodbury Heights  
 St. Mary Regional School, Vineland  
 St. Mary School, Williamstown  
 St. Michael the Archangel Regional School, Clayton  
 St. Peter School, Merchantville  
 St. Rose of Lima School, Haddon Heights  
 St. Teresa Regional School, Runnemede  
 St. Vincent de Paul Regional School, Mays Landing

## Diocesan High Schools

Holy Spirit High School, Absecon  
 Camden Catholic High School, Cherry Hill  
 Gloucester Catholic High School, Gloucester  
 Paul VI High School, Haddonfield  
 St. Joseph High School, Hammonton  
 Wildwood Catholic High, Wildwood

## Private High Schools

Bishop Eustace Preparatory School, Pennsauken  
 St. Augustine Preparatory School, Richland  
 Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Newfield

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**"Although the financial impact has been a sacrifice, watching our children become strong, independent, Catholic adults has been something you cannot put a price on."**

Jenn Morganti, South Jersey Catholic School Parent