

Explore the Excellence

**The 2013 Annual Report of Catholic Schools
Archdiocese of Hartford**



Catholic Schools
Education for a Lifetime

Superintendent's Message



Dr. Dale R. Hoyt
Superintendent

In the United States, Catholic school education has a rich history dating back to the seventeenth century, well before this country was established. In Connecticut, the first Catholic school was founded in 1830 in the basement of the Church of the Most Holy Trinity in Hartford. Today, there are 63 schools in the Archdiocese with over 15,000 students. We believe that *excellence* is at the heart of our schools and builds tomorrow's generation of leaders who understand what it means to persevere, to be selfless, and to seek justice.

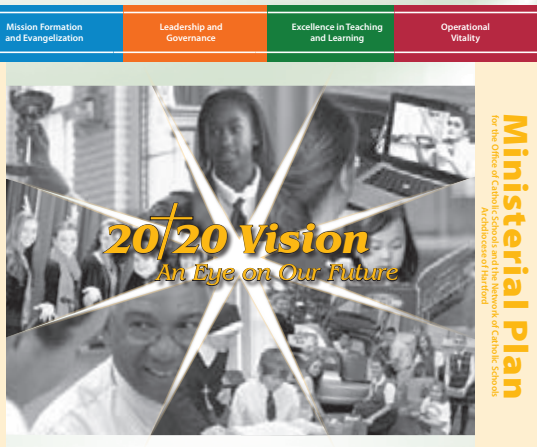
The **2013 Annual Report** highlights the many ways Catholic schools in the Archdiocese strive for excellence.

During my school visits, I consistently see students demonstrating what it means to have Christian character, moral values and faith. We are thrilled with the 100% high school graduation rate and the 98% of students who continue on to some form of higher education. We are grateful for the dedicated educators whose students rank one to three years above grade level on standardized testing. We are committed to educating and forming the whole child, and our Catholic school athletic programs teach principles of fair play, sportsmanship, and honest competition. In our ministerial plan,

20+20 Vision: An Eye on Our Future, we affirm that an excellent Catholic school understands itself as a center of evangelization and catechesis; clearly articulates Gospel values, relevant standards, and 21st century fluencies; exercises responsible decision making and fidelity to mission; and engages the entire Catholic community.

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford are exceptional religiously and academically. We are committed to maintaining and nourishing that excellence despite the changing state demographics and the reduction

or exclusion of financial resources from the Connecticut and federal governments. Together, with the Archbishop, Priests, Educators, School Boards, and other faithful stakeholders, we plan to look toward new and innovative ways for reallocating resources in order to maintain the momentum of excellence that has been at the heart of Catholic school education since its inception.



2013 Financial Resources

Percentage of schools providing some form of financial aid	100%
Total amount of Tuition Assistance from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal in 2013	873,560
Total amount of financial aid distributed by the high schools to secondary students in 2012-2013	10,810,206
Average cost of educating a child in Connecticut (Connecticut State Department of Education, 2012-13)	14,498
Official Pre-K through Grade 12 Enrollment	15,036
Total savings to the state for educating children and youth in the Archdiocese of Hartford	217,991,928

Total Provided to Schools for Operations and Student Aid for 2013 **3,282,452**

Based on the following:

Total Archbishop's Annual Appeal	873,560
*CSSP Elementary Scholarships	560,000
2012 HOPES Collection utilized in 2013	242,373
2012 High School Collection utilized in 2013	214,769
*CSSP Operational - Elementary as of December, 2013	646,750
*CSSP Operational - Secondary as of December, 2013	745,000
	3,282,452

*CSSP (Catholic School Support Program)



Student Enrollment

Schools



Total Enrollment:

Elementary	10,413
Secondary	4,623
Total	15,036



Catholic vs. Non-Catholic

	Archdiocese of Hartford	Northeast	National
Catholic:	77.4%	82.2%	82.4%
Non-Catholic:	19.2%	17.8%	15.9%
Unknown:	3.4%	-----	1.7%

Racial Diversity/Hispanic Ethnicity



	Archdiocese of Hartford	Northeast	National
White:	73%	70.1%	59.8%
Racial Diversity:	17%	16.8%	19.6%
Hispanic Ethnicity:	7%	7.1%	14.3%
Unknown:	3%	5.9%	6.4%



4-Year College Attendance:

Archdiocese of Hartford:	92.0%
Catholic (National):	84.9%
Other Religious (National):	61.3%
Non-Sectarian (National):	57.2%
Public Schools (National):	39.5%



College Attendance

Archdiocese of Hartford	
Pursuing further education/training (colleges/military/training):	98%
Pursuing two and four year colleges:	97%
Pursuing four year colleges:	92%



Location

	Archdiocese of Hartford	National
Urban:	17%	30.6%
Inner City:	10%	10.9%
Suburban:	73%	37.5%
Rural:	0%	21%

Enrollment Size

	Archdiocese of Hartford	National
< 50:	0%	6.2%
50 - 149:	27%	23.5%
150 - 299:	51%	39.4%
300 - 499:	14%	18.9%
500 - 749:	8%	8.4%
750+:	0%	4.7%



Type

	Archdiocese of Hartford	National
Parish:	75%	59%
Inter-Parish:	8%	11.7%
Diocesan:	6%	15.8%
Private:	11%	13.5%

Graduation Rates

Archdiocese of Hartford:	100%
Catholic (National):	99.4%
Other Religious (National):	98.1%
Non-Sectarian (National):	95%
Public Schools (National):	78.2%
CT (2012, CT Dept. of Ed):	84.8%

Tuition and Cost to Educate

Average Tuition/Cost to Educate

	Archdiocese of Hartford	National
Average Elementary Tuition:	\$3,794	\$3,673
Cost to Educate, Elementary :	\$5,135	\$5,387
Tuition % of Elementary Cost to Educate:	74%	68.2%
Average Secondary Tuition:	\$10,473	\$9,622
Cost to Educate, Secondary :	\$11,590	\$11,790
Tuition % of Secondary Cost to Educate	90%	81.6%

Cost to Educate

Archdiocese of Hartford Per Pupil Cost (K-12):	\$6,163
Connecticut Public School Average Cost to Educate:	\$14,498
National Public School Average Cost to Educate:	\$10,652

Through the **Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools (FACS)**, a total of \$334,141.43 was donated for student scholarships in 2013.



Student/Teacher Ratio

Archdiocese of Hartford	National
12 to 1	13 to 1



Staffing

Full-time and Part-time

	Elementary	Secondary	Totals
Full-time:	619	363	982
Part-time:	279	50	329
Totals	898	413	1,311

Catholic vs. Non-Catholic

	Archdiocese of Hartford	Northeast	National
Catholic:	93%	82.8%	83.2%
Non-Catholic:	7%	9.4%	13.6%
Unknown:	0%	7.8%	3.2%



Staff: Racial Diversity

	Archdiocese of Hartford	National
White:	89%	80.1%
Racial Diversity:	2%	5.3%
Hispanic Ethnicity:	3%	6.3%
Unknown:	6%	8.3%

Staff: Lay vs. Religious

	Archdiocese of Hartford	National
Lay:	98%	96.8%
Religious /Clergy:	2%	3.2%

Excellence in Building a Faith Community



At his Installation on December 16, Archbishop Leonard P. Blair spoke about the 3 M's - **memory, mission** and **ministry** as his guiding principles. We look forward to the many ways Archbishop Blair will guide Catholic schools in truly being places where young people can encounter Jesus Christ. Archbishop acknowledged the need for young people to believe in the Lord's warmth and tenderness, which he said "warms the heart, rekindles hope and attracts people to the Lord."



Lauralton Hall, Milford

A group of Lauralton students experienced an adventure of a lifetime on their service trip to Guatemala in March. The students spent eight days working side-by-side with villagers in Cacabal II, building a three-classroom school. The trip was made possible by *School the World*, a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring the gift of education to the children of the developing world.



Excellence in Building a Faith Community

East Catholic High School, Manchester

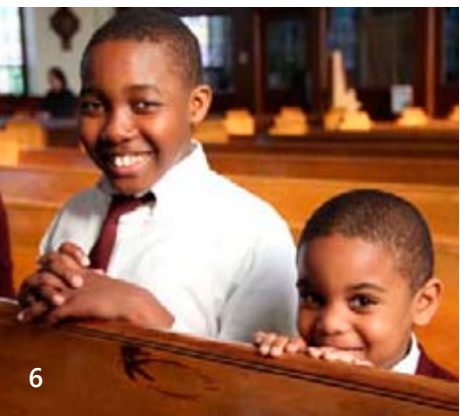
More than 45,700 nutritious meals were put together with love as the entire East Catholic community gathered for a day of service in May to help feed children living in Uganda as part of the Feeding Children Everywhere program. The idea came from Grace Mazzarella '15 who had participated in the program with her Confirmation class.



St. Anthony, Bristol: As they traditionally do during Lent, students at St. Anthony School in Bristol celebrated the Living Stations of the Cross. The entire school reenacted the last hours of Jesus' journey to give his life for the salvation of humankind.



Adult Faith Formation: At the 2013 Catholic Educators Faith Conference in March, 37 educators received certificates in Adult Faith Formation.



St. Mary – St. Michael, Derby:

In December, eighth grade students helped to distribute food to the needy while working with the Connecticut Mobile Food Bank. Over 200 clients were served that day, as the students put their faith into action.



Excellence in Academics

St. Stephen School, Hamden

St. Stephen School Wildcat Wizards won "Best Inspiration" at the First LEGO League Connecticut Local Tournament on November 23rd in Wolcott. The team was invited to compete in the state tournament in December 2013. This year, the LEGO Robotics team is working with the theme of natural disasters and how to "Prepare, Stay Safe and Rebuild."



Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Meriden

At Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Meriden, students in grades 6-8 participate in a one-to-one iPad program. Students are learning and utilizing 21st century skills such as critical thinking, collaboration, and communication. The program began in 2011 with a pilot program with only the 8th grade students, and has grown to encompass the entire school. Presently, all students have iPad accessibility on a 1:1 basis rotating through the grades, enabling teachers to integrate innovative technology strategies throughout the curriculum. This successful program provides students with a useful tool to enhance their academic experience.

East Catholic High School, Manchester

East Catholic's History Bowl Team took first place in the Connecticut History Bowl Championship. East also sent two teams to the National History Bowl Championship in April in Washington, D.C. and Arlington, VA.

St. Thomas the Apostle School, West Hartford

During the month of November, Kindergarten students at St. Thomas the Apostle School learned how members of the armed services help others in our country and around the globe. The teachers read stories to the children about the different branches of the armed services and how each group serves our country and helps people in different ways. Teachers and students incorporated their study of the subject into multiple areas of the curriculum: Religion, art and literacy.



Our Lady of Mercy School, Madison

Year after year, outstanding teams from Our Lady of Mercy School in Madison successfully participate in the Mock Trial Program, an exciting law-related education program which introduces students to the American legal system and provides a challenging opportunity for personal growth, high achievement, the demonstration of critical thinking, and teamwork. Eighth graders play roles as witnesses, attorneys, bailiffs, researchers, and court reporters. Students approach each case with a commitment to excellence, a strong level of dedication, preparedness, organization, and analytical thinking skills, and they are annually rewarded for their efforts.



Northwest Catholic High School, West Hartford

Northwest Catholic launched its Mandarin language program in the 2012-2013 school year – the 4th language offered at the school, joining Spanish, French and Latin. Course offerings in the Chinese program will expand in the years to come.

St. Bridget School, Cheshire

St. Bridget School in Cheshire offers a team teaching approach to the teaching of middle school math. Accelerated and standard courses are offered for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and include algebra readiness, pre-algebra, algebra, and geometry. In addition, the school sponsors a Math Counts Team which participates in an annual state wide competition. Students who graduate from SBS are well prepared to take on the challenges of high school math.

St. Brigid School, West Hartford

St. Brigid School's science program emphasizes problem solving, analysis, research, writing and communication skills, incorporated into earth, life, and physical science course work. Projects and activities are developed to engage students' minds and to reinforce important literacy and mathematics skills. Laboratory experiments and science fair projects strengthen teamwork and cooperative learning. Students learn through a scientific method that science is indeed fun!



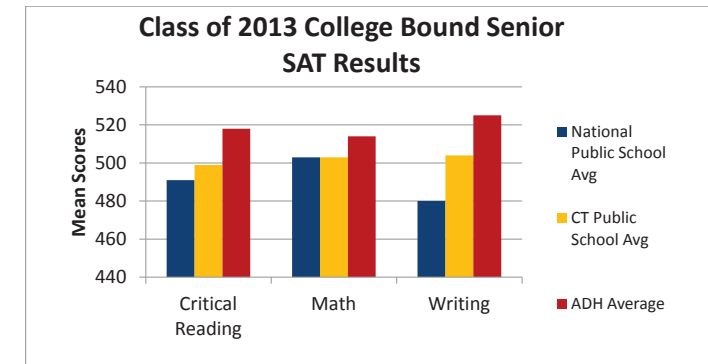
More Excellence in Academics

Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford are proud to graduate 100% of their seniors, and to send 97% of them on to college and future academic success. The following data demonstrates the exceptional educational opportunities available to our Catholic high school students:

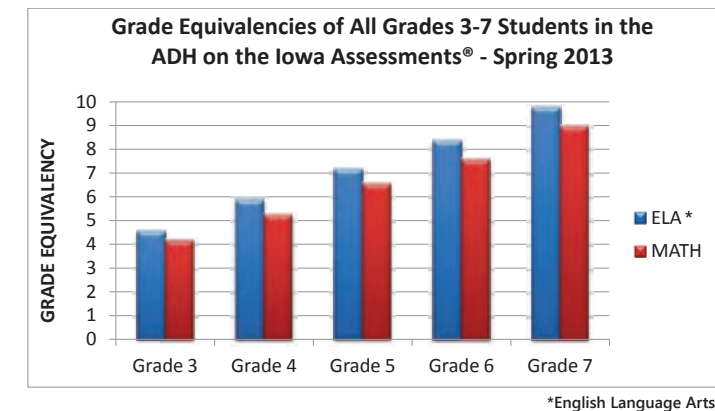
- ❖ The 2013 Catholic High School **Graduation Rate: 100%**
- ❖ Catholic high school graduates who pursue **further education/training: 98%** (includes colleges, training programs and the military)
- ❖ Catholic high school graduates continuing their education at **two or four-year colleges: 97%**
- ❖ Catholic high school graduates continuing their education at **four-year colleges: 92%**
- ❖ **Scholarship dollars** received by the Class of 2013: **\$70,293,038**
- ❖ **Tuition assistance:** provided at **100%** of Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford
- ❖ **Tuition assistance** awarded by our Catholic high schools in 2012 – 2013: **\$10,810,206**
- ❖ **National Merit Scholars** in the Class of 2013 at our Catholic high schools: **22**
- ❖ **Service hours donated** by our Catholic high school students: approximately **102,462** hours to over 900 organizations



Students in the high schools within the Archdiocese of Hartford take the SAT® annually, and the graph below reflects the consistently high overall student achievement that exceeds public school students both in the state of Connecticut and nationally.



All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford take the norm referenced standardized test Iowa Assessments® in grades 3-7. The graph below reflects the consistent high performance of these students based on national norms. On average, students achieved one to three+ years above grade level.



New England Association of Schools and Colleges Accreditation Report Fall 2013

All schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford are fully accredited by the prestigious New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

In 2013, **Sacred Heart High School** received their re-accreditation for another ten years.

Excellence in School Community Members



Superintendent's Summa Scholars

At a special ceremony on April 29, thirty-seven students from eight of the nine Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese were honored with the Superintendent's Summa Scholar Award in recognition of their superior academic performance. Dr. Dale R. Hoyt, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, recognized each student personally for their academic excellence, and each student honored the teacher they considered most influential to their success.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award, presented each year to an individual volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to an elementary school advancement program in the Archdiocese of Hartford, was awarded to Arthur Gerckens of St. Mary – St. Michael School in Derby during the annual HOPES Dinner on September 22.



Distinguished Elementary School Pastor

The Rev. Shawn T. Daly, Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Wethersfield, was named the 2013 – 2014 Archdiocesan Distinguished Elementary School Pastor. Fr. Daly was also recognized nationally with the Distinguished Pastor Award by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). As Pastor of this National Blue Ribbon School, Fr. Daly is a positive advocate for the school, an enthusiastic presence, a careful financial steward, and a true spiritual shepherd. He was presented with the Archdiocesan award on January 26 and will receive the national honor at the annual NCEA convention in April.



Distinguished Catholic School Administrator

Cary Dupont, President and Chief Administrator of St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol, was named the 2013 – 2014 Distinguished Catholic School Administrator. Cary also received national recognition with the Educational Excellence Award from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). An alumnus, alumni parent, and former school board member of St. Paul, Cary was appointed President in 2007 and has since effected a renaissance of the school in a number of key areas: Catholic identity, academics, enrollment, finances, and alumni and public relations. Cary has a deep commitment to the success of

St. Paul and has worked tirelessly to bring the school to a renewed position of strength. He received his Archdiocesan award on January 24 and will receive the national honor at the annual NCEA convention in April.

2013 New School Administrators

St. Brigid, Elmwood – **Shevon Hickey**
 Blessed Sacrament, Waterbury
 – **John Cook**
 St. Stanislaus, Meriden
 – Interim Principal **Richard Tomaro**
 St. Joseph, Meriden – **Katherin Sniffin**
 Northwest Catholic High School,
 West Hartford – **David Eustis, Jr.**

Years of Service

Our Lady of Victory, West Haven
 – **Ardell Bartolotta** – 10 yrs.
 St. Christopher, East Hartford
 – **Kathleen Madej** – 10 yrs.
 St. James, Manchester
 – **Patricia Kanute** – 15 yrs.
 St. Thomas, Southington
 – **MaryPat Wirkus** – 15 yrs.
 Assumption, Ansonia
 – **Kathleen Molner** – 25 yrs.

Excellence in Athletics



Sacred Heart High School, Waterbury

Sacred Heart High School's Girls Swim/Dive Team put a championship exclamation point on a 13-0 regular season in November, winning the Naugatuck Valley League title in a romp at Kennedy High's John Reardon Pool. Sacred Heart totaled 853 points to outdistance Torrington (684), Naugatuck (585), and Watertown (566).

East Catholic High School, Manchester

East Catholic High School's Boys Tennis Team won the Class S State Championship on Saturday, June 1st at Conard in West Hartford against Weston High School, ending their 11 year-run. This is the 50th State Championship win for East Catholic High School.

St. Joseph School, Meriden

Nearly 70 students at St. Joseph School in Meriden participate in BOKS, a 30 minute before-school physical activity program that aims to enhance academic performance and the overall health of kids. BOKS is held two mornings a week and it teaches children to build healthy minds and healthy bodies. The program not only promotes physical activity and proper nutrition, but emphasizes the skills needed to work as a team to accomplish a set goal.



Northwest Catholic High School, West Hartford

The Northwest Catholic Varsity Girls' Tennis team became the first Girls' Tennis team in school history to post a 16-0 record and qualify as the # 1 seed in the Class S State Tournament. This team was also the school's first Girls' Tennis team to send #1 and #2 singles players and #1 and #2 doubles teams to the state tournament – the most a school can send. The school also had Cathy Higgins '13 in Girls' Soccer

three All-Americans – Jessica Fontaine '13 and Sarah Gillespie '13 in Girls' Indoor Track.

Excellence in the Arts

St. Paul High School, Bristol

A group of seven St. Paul Performing Arts students traveled to New York City to participate in *Broadway Next*, an exciting 3-day musical theater workshop. The students learned how to audition, rehearse and perform with a faculty of top-level, working Broadway professionals. Prior to a performance of *Wicked*, they had the honor of performing in the famous Gershwins Rotunda for the entire audience!



St. Rita School, Hamden

The hills surrounding Hamden were alive with *The Sound of Music* in March as the superb theatrical program at St. Rita School produced this classic musical. The theater production was a wonderful experience for the middle school students who truly embraced the heart of the musical directed by Mrs. Julie Mountcastle. St. Rita School proudly presents a well-known musical each year as part of their exceptional extracurricular program, including productions such as *Annie*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Bye, Bye Birdie*, and the upcoming *Godspell*.



Excellence in Faithful Citizenship



Connecticut Federation Of Catholic School Parents Report 2013

- **School Bus Funding:** The Legislature's Appropriations Committee proposed in April to cut \$3M from the state funding for Catholic school buses. In late April and May, we fought hard – arm-in-arm with our parents, teachers and administrators – to convince the Legislature and Governor Malloy's office to restore the \$3M back into the state budget before the budget was finalized in late May. Fortunately, we succeeded in having the funding restored.
- **Senate Bill 906 – Wages for Catholic School Teachers.** In April, we learned that some of our schools had legal issues with the manner in which our teachers were being paid during the summer months, so we decided to file an emergency amendment (onto the existing bill, Senate Bill 906) to have the law clarified to allow Catholic schools to enter agreements with our teachers for wage payments during the summer. Our amendment was passed onto Senate Bill 906 and the amended bill was signed into law by Governor Malloy.
- **Uniform School Calendar Task Force Legislation** – We succeeded in convincing legislative leadership to invite a representative of the Catholic schools to serve on the Task Force that is currently studying uniform school calendars.
- **Pesticides at High Schools** – The Federation worked hard to oppose and help defeat two separate legislative proposals (House Bill 6385 and Senate Bill 981) that would have prohibited any high school from using any sort of pesticide products on its athletic fields. This legislation will certainly re-appear in 2014.
- **School Security** – As part of the Gun Safety legislation enacted in 2013 (Public Act 2013-3), the legislature established a grant program for towns to obtain reimbursements for school security measures (cameras, alarms, locks, etc.). During the session, we respectfully requested Governor Malloy and the Legislature to expand the program to include Catholic schools into the security grant program. As of this time, we have not yet been included, but the Federation will keep pushing hard!



Excellence in Service

Office of Catholic Schools Mission Statement

Rooted in Gospel values and guided by the **Purpose and Vision for Catholic School Education**, the Office of Catholic Schools serves and supports the Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Hartford as they cultivate excellence, transformational growth, and continued viability.

The Office of Catholic Schools will:

- care for the People of God through servant leadership;
- advance the educational and catechetical mission of the Catholic Church;
- develop curriculum that will provide the foundation for students to think critically and globally, and to become productive, virtuous citizens;
- provide leadership, formation, and professional development;
- utilize research findings for making sound decisions;
- foster collaboration of resources among other Catholic agencies, parishes, and secular educational programs;
- advocate recognition of and support for Catholic schools;
- further the institutional advancement of Catholic schools; and
- seek avenues for equitable distribution of resources.

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Purpose and Vision FOR Catholic School Education

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford welcome students of all faiths, ethnic groups and socio-economic backgrounds.

The fundamental purpose of Catholic schools is to:

- Provide a safe, nurturing and secure environment in which **students encounter the living God**, who in Jesus Christ, reveals His transforming love and truth;
- Partner with parents to support students in their learning and in their **search for knowledge, meaning, and truth**;
- Create a Catholic climate that contributes to the **formation of students** as active participants in the parish community;
- Foster a **culture of educational excellence** through critical thinking skills, innovative and rigorous curriculum standards, a global perspective, and an emphasis on moral education, community, and service;
- Promote life-long learning that advances the **development of the whole person** - mind, body, and soul; and
- Graduate students prepared to become **productive, virtuous citizens and church leaders** who will fashion a more humane and just world.

