



OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
Archdiocese of Hartford  
ANNUAL REPORT 2012



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

20+20 Vision: An Eye On Our Future

I am deeply grateful to the thousands who share their time, talent, and resources to meet the needs of our young people in Catholic school education. Your prayers, volunteer work, energy, and financial support are deeply appreciated. I offer my sincere and ongoing thanks as well to Archbishop Henry J. Mansell for his faithful shepherding of Catholic schools, his financial support through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, and his dedicated presence at Catholic school events.



Dr. Dale R. Hoyt  
Superintendent

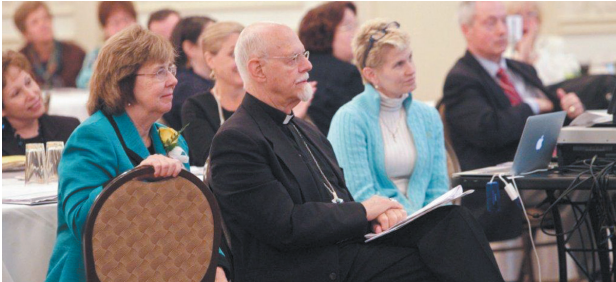
Today's learners, the *net generation*, are prolific social communicators who tend to bare their souls online. They understand the importance of spirituality, justice and peace. *Net generation* students have different thinking styles, including better visual-spatial skills, and they engage in discovery learning rather than listening to information. They are less linear in their thinking and better at synthesizing information. The *net generation* students are tech savvy, they learn differently, and they view the world with a new lens so they require new teaching and assessment approaches. Today's Catholic schools must be well prepared to educate the *net generation* of learners as we form, inform and transform this diverse body of young people into the next generation of holy men and women and global entrepreneurs.



"Catholic schools are an outstanding apostolate of hope . . . addressing the material, intellectual and spiritual needs

of three million children" (Pope Benedict XVI, 2008). Catholic schools have always been faithfully committed to effectively educating students and carrying out the educational mission of the Church. There is no question that Catholic school educators are called to be faithful to the Gospel, Church teachings, and to their inherent relationship with God. While the success of Catholic school education is well documented, significant challenges are currently threatening the Church's educational apostolate: uncertainty from an economic recession, lack of state and federal support, demographic shifts, aging facilities, and increasing educational options for parents/guardians. Archbishop Henry J. Mansell reminds us in his pastoral letter "Our Catholic schools must, without compromise, be living witnesses to the unity we have in Jesus. We must celebrate the legacy of Catholic school education and embrace a future with great confidence in our young people. We, the Catholic Church of Hartford, must mobilize ourselves to strengthen the ministry of Catholic school education, and to profess confidently that, together, we produce great people" (*Common Threads*, 2008).

In a world described by Pope Benedict XVI as being in the midst of an educational crisis, we in the Archdiocese of Hartford are heeding the call to examine our mission and realize the vital role our schools play in the formation of the *net generation*. Last October the Office of Catholic Schools held an Educational Forum that included delegates from all 63 Catholic schools in the Arch-



Bishop Peter A. Rosazza enjoys the Educational Forum presentations.

diocese, three Catholic institutions of higher education, and guests from other dioceses as we created the future we want for our Catholic schools. The Educational Forum encouraged delegates to consider stretch thinking that would move us toward the year 2020 with a focus on **Mission Formation and Evangelization, Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Leadership and Governance**, and **Operational Vitality**.

Catholic schools are called to transform lives and provide young people with an education for a lifetime. The 2012 Annual Report captures the way in which the Office of Catholic Schools serves and supports the Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Hartford as they educate the *net generation* while cultivating excellence, transformational growth, and continued viability.

Please keep our young people and all those who serve our Catholic schools in your prayers.

2012 Catholic School Data

STUDENT ENROLLMENT			
	TOTAL ENROLLMENT:		
	Elementary	11,004	
	Secondary	4,589	
	Total	15,593	

Catholic vs. Non-Catholic			
	Archdiocese of Hartford	Northeast	National
Catholic:	79%	83%	83.4%
Non-Catholic:	19%	17%	15.4%
Unknown:	2%		1.2%

Racial Diversity			
	Archdiocese of Hartford	Northeast	National
White:	73%	72.1%	60.3%
Diverse Races: (includes Hispanic ethnicity)	25%	22.5%	33.2%
Unknown:	2%	5.4%	6.5%

SCHOOLS		
By Location		
	Archdiocese of Hartford	National
Urban:	17%	31.2%
Inner City:	10%	11.1%
Suburban:	73%	36.5%
Rural:	0%	21.1%

By Enrollment Size		
	Archdiocese of Hartford	National
< 50:	0%	6.2%
50 – 149:	24%	23.5%
150 – 299:	54%	39.4%
300 – 499:	14%	18.9%
500 – 749:	8%	8.4%
750 +:	0%	4.7%

By Type		
	Archdiocese of Hartford	National
Parish:	75%	60.8%
Inter-Parish:	8%	11.4%
Diocesan:	6%	14.8%
Private:	11%	13%

Graduation Rates	
Archdiocese of Hartford:	100.0%
Catholic (National):	99.4%
Other Religious (National):	98.1%
Non-Sectarian (National):	95.0%
Public Schools (National):	75.5%

College Attendance Archdiocese of Hartford	
Pursuing college, military, or training program:	99%
Pursuing 2- and 4-year colleges:	97%
Pursuing 4-year colleges:	89%

4-Year College Attendance	
Archdiocese of Hartford:	89.0%
Catholic (National):	84.9%
Other Religious (National):	61.3%
Non-Sectarian (National):	57.2%
Public Schools (National):	39.5%



TUITION AND COST TO EDUCATE		
	Archdiocese of Hartford	National
Average Elementary Tuition:	\$3,607	\$3,673
Cost to Educate, Elementary:	\$4,773	\$5,387
Tuition % of Elementary Cost to Educate:	76%	62.2%
Average Secondary Tuition:	\$10,203	\$8,182
Cost to Educate, Secondary:	\$11,353	\$10,228
Tuition % of Secondary Cost to Educate	90%	80%
National Public School Average Cost to Educate:	\$11,282	
Connecticut Public School Average Cost to Educate:	\$14,906	
Archdiocese of Hartford Per Pupil Cost (K-12):	\$5,803	

2012 ARCHDIOCESAN FINANCIAL RESOURCES	
Percentage of schools providing some form of financial aid .....	100%
Total amount of Tuition Assistance from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal in 2012 .....	\$855,795
Total amount of financial aid distributed by the high schools to secondary students in 2011-2012 .....	\$9,879,160
Average cost of educating a child in Connecticut (U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2010) .....	\$14,906
Official Pre-K through Grade 12 Enrollment .....	15,593
Total savings to the State for educating children and youth in the Archdiocese of Hartford .....	\$232,429,258
Total Provided to Schools for Operations and Student Aid for 2012 .....	\$3,890,786
Based on the following:	
Total Archbishop's Annual Appeal .....	\$855,795
CSSP Elementary Scholarships .....	500,000
CSSP High School Scholarships .....	200,000
2011 HOPES Collection utilized in 2012 .....	253,000
2011 High School Collection utilized in 2012 .....	229,000
CSSP Operational - Elementary as of December, 2012 .....	933,834
CSSP Operational - Secondary as of December, 2012 .....	919,157
TOTAL .....	\$3,890,786



STAFF			
Full-time and Part-time			
	Elementary	Secondary	Totals
Full-time:	633	359	992
Part-time:	269	51	320
Totals	902	410	1,312

Lay vs. Religious		
	Archdiocese of Hartford	National
Lay:	98%	96.7%
Religious/Clergy:	2%	3.3%

Student/Teacher Ratio		
	Archdiocese of Hartford	National
Student/Teacher Ratio:	12 to 1	13 to 1

Catholic vs. Non-Catholic			
	Archdiocese of Hartford	Northeast	National
Catholic:	86%	84.7%	84%
Non-Catholic:	7%	9.4%	13.9%
Unknown:	7%	5.9%	2.1%

Racial Diversity		
	Archdiocese of Hartford	National
White:	89%	80.4%
Diverse Races: (includes Hispanic ethnicity)	5%	12.1%
Unknown:	6%	7.5%

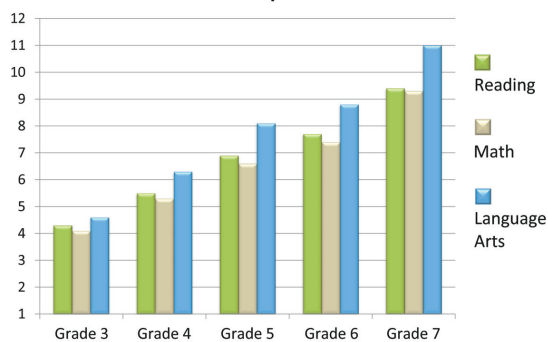
Source of national data: *The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing, 2011-2012*, National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)



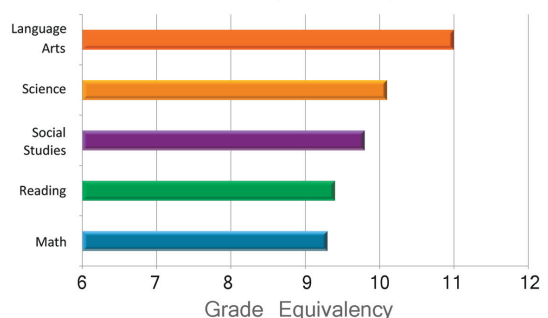


# 2012 Catholic School Achievements

## Iowa Test of Basic Skills Grade Equivalencies



## Iowa Test of Basic Skills Spring 2012 Grade 7 Grade Equivalency Results

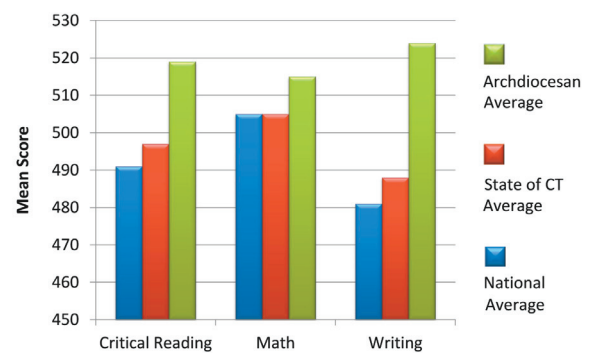


## 2012 HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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 2012 Catholic High School **Graduation Rate**: 100%
- ❖ Catholic high school graduates who pursue **further education/training**: 99% (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**: 89%
- ❖ **Scholarship dollars** received by the Class of 2012: \$53,118,796 (\*Data from eight of the nine high schools)
- ❖ Tuition assistance: provided at 100% of Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford
- ❖ **Tuition assistance** awarded by our Catholic high schools in 2011 – 2012: \$9,879,160
- ❖ **National Merit Scholars** in the Class of 2012 at our Catholic high schools: 19
- ❖ **Service hours donated** by our Catholic high school students: approximately 76,200 hours to over 600 organizations

## SAT Results: Class of 2012 Seniors Archdiocese of Hartford Students and Public School Students



## CONNECTICUT FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS

- The Budget Adjustment bill passed by the Connecticut Legislature maintained the level of funding for nursing staff and transportation services to Catholic schools.
- The Education Reform bill created 500 new school readiness slots for which Catholic schools will be eligible, and it maintained the eligibility of private and religiously affiliated school teachers for initial, provisional, and professional teacher certification.

## FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

- \$275,528.81 in scholarship dollars was awarded to our schools on behalf of their students in the 2011 – 2012 school year by the Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools (FACS), and that amount is expected to increase during the next academic year.

## NEASC ACCREDITATION REPORT

- Our Lady of Mercy School, Madison received notice of re-accreditation.



Blue Ribbon School administrators and faculty with Aba Kumi, Director of the Blue Ribbon School Program

## 2012 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL RECIPIENTS

On September 7, 2012, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced the recipients of the 2012 National Blue Ribbon School awards. This prestigious U.S. Department of Education program recognized 269 schools that include 219 public schools and 50 private schools as top outstanding schools in the United States. The National Blue Ribbon Award is the highest award a school can receive in this country. This year in New England, four Catholic schools were recognized; three were schools from the Archdiocese of Hartford.

- Corpus Christi School, Wethersfield
- St. Dominic School, Southington
- Our Lady of Mercy School, Madison



## YEAR OF FAITH

During this *Year of Faith*, the Office of Catholic Schools continues to promote study, reflection, and action commemorating the *fiftieth anniversary* of the Second Vatican Council, the *twentieth anniversary* of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Gospel themes, the Acts of the Apostles, and peak moments in the history of Catholic education, while recognizing the people of God who are called and gifted to be the arms of Christ.

## OCS 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.

## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS WITH SIGNIFICANT YEARS OF SERVICE

### Ten Years

**Patricia Devanney**

St. Anthony School, Winsted

**Colleen DiSanto**

St. Thomas the Apostle School, West Hartford

**Jo-Anne Gauger**

St. Peter/St. Francis of Assisi School, Torrington

**Kathy Spencer**

St. Joseph School, Meriden

### Twenty Years

**Eileen Sampiere**

Corpus Christi School, Wethersfield

### Twenty-Five Years

**Mark Monnerat**

St. Joseph School, Bristol

## NEW PRINCIPALS

**Fayne Molloy**

St. Paul School, Berlin

**Sr. Carolyn Severino, ASCJ**

St. Mary School, Branford

**Tara Bellefleur**

St. Timothy Middle School, West Hartford

# 2012 Catholic School Honors and Events

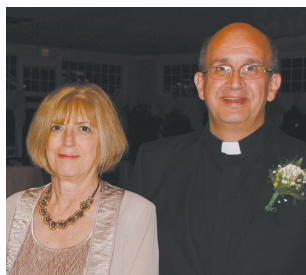
## Nationally Distinguished Catholic School Administrator



Dr. Hoyt with Sr. Katie Kelly

Sr. Kathleen (Katie) Kelly, RSM, principal of Holy Trinity School in Wallingford, was named the 2012 – 2013 Archdiocesan Distinguished Catholic School Administrator. Sr. Katie has served as principal of Holy Trinity School for 26 years, dedicating herself to the education of each child and to their formation in the faith. She has also been recognized nationally, receiving the Distinguished Elementary School Principal Award for Region 1 (New England) from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA).

## Distinguished Elementary School Pastor



Fr. Christopher Tiano with Principal Jo-Anne Gauger

Father Christopher M. Tiano, Pastor of the Torrington cluster of parishes was selected as the 2012 – 2013 Archdiocesan Distinguished Elementary School Pastor. As pastor of St. Peter/St. Francis School, Fr. Tiano is committed to promoting the school, enhancing its educational offerings, and sustaining the viability of Catholic school education in Torrington. Fr. Tiano was officially presented with the award at a special Mass on January 13.



## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award



Janet Lozinski with Pastor Fr. Alphonso Fontana and Principal Dr. Gene Nocera

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award, presented each year to one volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement program of a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Hartford, was awarded to Mrs. Janet Lozinski of St. Anthony School in Bristol during the annual HOPES Dinner on September 23.



## Superintendent's Summa Scholars

At a special ceremony on April 30, twenty-three students from the four Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools were honored with the Superintendent's Summa Scholar Award in recognition of superior academic performance. Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Dr. Dale R. Hoyt, personally recognized the students who have achieved academic excellence, and they in turn honored the teachers they identified as having been most influential to their success.

Dr. Hoyt with the 2012 Superintendent's Summa Scholars



# 2012 Catholic School Events

## Enrollment Management Workshops



Enrollment Management Workshop attendees listen intently to the speakers.

**Cathy Donahue** and **Shana Maguire** from the consulting firm Partners in Mission presented our schools with a series of five enrollment management workshops in order to help each school optimize its enrollment and secure long term viability. Schools were empowered with the training, tools, and resources necessary to develop a successful enrollment management plan.

## Administrators and Teachers



Author and education research practitioner of some of the most influential and classic books in education over the last few decades, **Dr. Grant Wiggins**, presented a full day workshop on November 2 on the paradigm of Understanding by Design.

## Catholic Educators Curriculum Conference

On November 7/8, **Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler**, Director of Graduate Education at Aquinas College, addressed the legal implications of technology in today's educational environment, and Archdiocesan educators presented sessions on differentiating instruction, assessment, and 21st century literacies.



On November 9, **Dr. Susan Abelein**, Senior Consultant for Catapult Learning; Adjunct Professor at Loyola Marymount University; and Associate Superintendent for Leadership and Recruitment for the Archdiocese of New York, presented best practices to optimize student achievement through effective professional learning communities.



## Adult Faith Formation



At the Catholic Educators Faith Conference in March, **Father Michael Dolan** presented the keynote address on "Building a School of Faith." At the conference, 44 educators were recognized for having earned a certificate of adult faith formation. Another 68 educators were honored for milestone anniversaries.

The Office of Catholic Schools also continues to enhance the options for our educators by expanding the modes of delivery of the University of Dayton's adult faith formation program. Over 250 educators completed courses in adult faith formation through either the online program or in traditional classroom and blended learning experiences facilitated by **Father Michael Dolan**, **Father William Metzler**, and **Father Robert Turner**.

## CT Private School Summit

**Ian Jukes**, director of an international consulting group, led the full day professional development on April 26 for Archdiocesan teachers and administrators as well as private educators in the state. He focused on the need to restructure our educational institutions so that they become relevant to the current and future needs of children. Other speakers provided best practices in meeting academically diverse learning needs, assessment data to support instruction, standard-based assessments, and constructs data collection.



## New Teacher Orientation

Highly acclaimed and recognized educational specialist, **Carol Searce**, President of Enlightening Enterprises, presented a full day workshop on highly effective teaching strategies to teachers new to the Archdiocese of Hartford on August 20/21.

## Safe Environment and Safe School Training

Furthering their commitment to safety in schools, the Office of Catholic Schools sponsored 15 Protecting God's Children sessions and 11 asbestos safety training sessions to over 645 employees and volunteers serving in our Catholic schools.



## International Students



Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford enrolled 105 students from over 20 countries as full-time students in 2012. On the Feast of the Ascension, May 17, 2012 the Office of Catholic Schools hosted its first annual **International Student Reception**.

## School Board Workshops

The significant impact of leadership and governance was supported by workshops sponsored by the Office of Catholic Schools. "The Effective Committee-driven School Board" was facilitated by Dr. Toni Iadarola from Luralton Hall High School, and "Shared Responsibility and Collaborative Decision Making" was presented by **Dr. Regina Haney** from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). Both programs drew the attendance of many administrators and school board members.



## Finance Workshop

On September 11/12 school finance managers received best practices regarding the registration process, tuition contract issues, reminder methods for past due tuition, and the preferred methods of tuition collection. Speaker **Robert Black** also presented guidance on the art of collection techniques.



## ARCHDIOCESAN SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS 2012-2013

Rita M. Barry, *Vice Chair* (Meriden)  
Constance J. Cyr (Meriden)  
Fr. Shawn T. Daly (Wethersfield)  
Brenda P. DelGado (Bloomfield)  
Gwynne C. Deveau (Bloomfield)  
Fr. Christopher M. Ford (Branford)  
Robert A. Giola, Jr. (Manchester)  
David H. Larson, Ph.D., *Chair* (Middletown)  
James K. Obst (Torrington)  
Robert J. O'Hara, Esq. (Simsbury)  
Judith A. Palmer, Ed.D. (Winsted)  
Norris A. Taylor (Windsor)  
Carol Y. Thorney (Windsor)  
Michael S. Tosatti, DMD (Berlin)  
Leon Vaccarelli (Waterbury)  
Sr. Mary Grace Walsh, ASCJ, Ph.D. (Bridgeport)

## PRINCIPALS' ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ELEMENTARY (PACE)

2012-2013 Elected Representatives  
Kathy Madej, *Principal*, St. Christopher School, East Hartford  
Patricia Martin, *Principal*, St. Gabriel School, Windsor  
Kathy Spencer, *Principal*, St. Joseph School, Meriden  
Thomas Maynard, *Principal*, St. Mary Magdalen School, Oakville  
Jo-Anne Gauger, *Principal*, St. Peter/St. Francis of Assisi School, Torrington  
Frank Lacerenza, *Principal*, St. Mary School, Milford

## 2012-2013 Appointed – Members at Large

Colleen DiSanto, *Principal*, St. Thomas the Apostle School, West Hartford  
Sr. Maureen Fitzgerald, ASCJ, *Principal*, St. Rita School, Hamden  
Patricia Devanney, *Principal*, St. Anthony School, Winsted



## 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.