



Diocese of Madison **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Catholic schools play a critical role in passing on the faith and forming future generations that will keep our parishes vibrant communities of faith, worship, and service. Studies show that students who attend Catholic schools are more likely to attend Mass, donate to their parish, participate in the sacraments, consider a religious vocation, and volunteer in the parish. Catholic school graduates are also more likely to vote and participate in the political process as adults, thus helping to maintain and strengthen our democracy.

As the U.S. bishops have said, “It is the responsibility of the entire Catholic community... to strive towards the goal of making our Catholic elementary and secondary schools available, accessible, and affordable to all...” Investment in our Catholic schools enables the youth in our parishes to take advantage of all that Catholic education has to offer, and help shape the future of our parishes, our diocese, the universal Church, and the world around us.



BY THE NUMBERS

Total number of schools: **42**

Student/teacher ratio in Catholic Schools: **11:1**

PK—12 students: **6,907**

Average actual cost to educate: **\$6,592**

High School Graduation Rate: **99.8% with 95% going to college**

Average elementary tuition: **\$2,568**

Average public school cost to educate: **\$13,502**

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TOP 10 REASONS OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

1 A strong Catholic tradition: academic excellence in a community of faith in Christ, risen from the dead.

6 Preparation to be productive, ethical citizens and virtuous leaders.

2 A close partnership with parents to support and enhance the faith formation and education of their children.

7 Development of high morals and self-discipline, preparing them for the future.

3 High academic standards with faithful, dedicated, caring, and effective faculty and staff.

8 More individualized attention, with smaller class sizes.

4 Integration of technology that enhances the overall educational experience.

9 A safe and welcoming environment for all.

5 Emphasis on the values of service to our neighbor and respect of self and others.

10 A solid foundation for the life-long learning and readiness to live a faith filled life.



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