



A Snapshot of Catholic Schools Moving Mountains

Empowered by Knowledge • Transformed by Faith

SYSTEM AT A GLANCE

18 ELEMENTARY & 6 HIGH
SCHOOLS
 WEST 11%
 VIRGINIA of students
 SCHOOL represent
 SYSTEM IN minorities
 NUMBER OF Over 400
 STUDENTS professional staff

20TH LARGEST
 4,195 elementary & secondary students

8TH LARGEST WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL SYSTEM IN NUMBER OF SCHOOLS

13 counties are served by West Virginia Catholic Schools



The WV Catholic Schools' Class of 2020 received \$28.4 million in academic and athletic scholarships.

DIOCESAN APPEAL ASSISTANCE

The Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAPS) awarded more than \$850,000 to Catholic school families in 2020.

Funds raised for West Virginia Catholic Schools through the diocesan annual giving program provide professional development for faculty and staff, online assessment and remote learning trainings, enrichment classes for faculty, school-based health programs, health screenings, healthcare access, and more.

West Virginia Catholic Schools provide exceptional academics in a Christ-centered environment, while nurturing responsibility, accountability, citizenship, and empathy. Our PK-12 focus is to encourage individual and critical thinking; deepen faith; build self-esteem; and develop a sound moral foundation rooted in the gospel. God is in our schools. Everything we do, choices we make, and plans we develop are prayerfully made with the best intentions of our students' success. The social, emotional, physical, spiritual, and mental well-being of each child is just as important to academic achievement. We lead with faith.

- Mrs. Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools

PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

West Virginia Catholic Schools remain forward thinking and committed to high standards. We have embarked on an intentional growth planning process. In doing so, each of our 24 schools were able to honor and reflect on the past and plan for the future. Each school will finalize a comprehensive plan strategically focused on the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools(NSBECS). All 24 schools' plans center around four pillars:

- **Mission and Catholic Identity**
- **Governance and Leadership**
- **Academic Excellence**
- **Operational Vitality**

This growth process is part of our ongoing accreditation through our national accrediting organization, Cognia. The diocesan intentional growth plan will reflect a strong combination of the individual school plans. It is our priority to continually improve Catholic education across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

nwea **map** GROWTH

West Virginia Catholic Schools follows the MAP (*Measures of Academic Progress*) practical testing protocol that tests our students not once a year, but three times. This assessment tool helps us measure individual student learning and growth at the beginning, middle, and end of each school year. We can then use this data to support individual student needs, educational plans, group learning, and advanced placement academics, so students can strive to reach their full academic potential. For more about the MAP Growth test, please visit: www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/

