



# DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

*Office of Catholic Schools*

Dear Partners in Catholic School Ministry,

It is with great confidence that I write to encourage an investment in Catholic education. A quality education within the context of Catholic faith provides the solid foundation and preparation young people today will need not only to succeed in today's economic climate but also to provide the leadership, integrity, and moral compass necessary to bring hope for a brighter future.

Investing in our mission, ***“An alliance of Catholic schools where Christ illuminates learning and life”***, is a choice for MORE! This mission is our purpose and promise, and it gives students the timeless treasures of strong faith and quality education. This choice for MORE is a true advantage for students as they face a future of great change and challenge. I encourage you to strengthen your resolve and trust in the Lord that a commitment to Catholic schools is the very best investment possible for the education of today's students.

This visioning process included over 1,700 participants from more than 60 parishes. We are proud to promote the Vision for Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids for, ***“An alliance of Catholic schools expanding outstanding Catholic educational ministry, through innovation and collaboration, that is affordable and accessible to families investing time, talent, and treasure”***. Please pray that our Catholic schools will realize this vision and thereby continue to bless the lives of students and families with the gift of an extraordinary education for many generations to come.

Sincerely in Christ,

David A. Faber  
Superintendent of Catholic Schools