



## Office of Catholic Schools Annual Report 2015-2016

# *Faith, Family & Excellence*

We are thankful for the gift of Catholic schools and for the dedicated faculty and staff in our archdiocese. Year after year, they diligently teach an award-winning curriculum while also instructing our students in character development, leadership, and our precious Catholic faith. Like you, I am tremendously proud of the accomplishments of our Catholic schools.

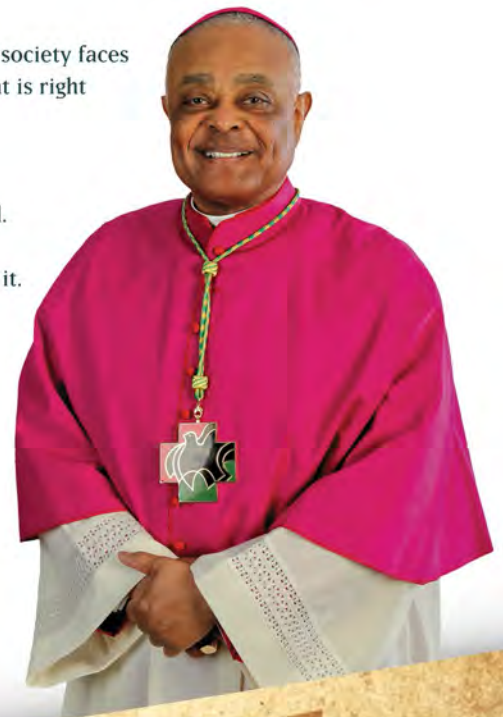
All are welcome in our schools as we consistently deliver exceptional academic instruction in a faith-filled environment, preparing our talented students for success in all areas of their lives. We live our faith purposefully to witness and teach the principles of the Church to our students throughout their school day.

This annual report tells our story of this past academic year – the Year of Mercy. As our society faces unique and various challenges, our Catholic schools remain places of commitment to what is right and good, directing our students in the ways of mercy and compassion at all times.

I would like to particularly acknowledge and express my gratitude to our parents. Thank you for your many sacrifices to make a Catholic education a priority for your child.

We remain committed to helping you and your family excel in the classroom and beyond it. May God bless our students as they continue to grow in faith and wisdom.

Wilton D. Gregory  
Archbishop of Atlanta



## *Mission Statement*

As a service of the Archbishop of Atlanta, the Office of Catholic Schools provides support, assistance, and guidance for the administrators, faculties, local school councils, and parents in order to promote and to enhance the educational ministry of the local Church.



Ah, Mercy. This is the name of God.  
—Pope Francis



Dear Friends and Supporters of Catholic Education,

With great pride I present to you the 5th Annual Report for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Again this year, the many successes of our schools are highlighted within this report. With a deep sense of gratitude, I wish to recognize our dedicated and highly-qualified teachers and administrators who daily work to support our outstanding academic programs while carrying on our tradition of excellent faith formation. We are truly blessed and acknowledge their efforts to provide a Catholic education which is second to none.

As the Year of Mercy began during the 2015-2016 school year, our students not only received mercy, but they studied about mercy and were provided opportunities to be merciful toward others. Through a variety of service projects, prayer services and special opportunities, students and teachers provided support to deserving organizations and causes: Clyde's Kitchen, Catholic Charities Atlanta, the Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity, food drives, March for Life, Respect Life, Catholic Relief Services, retirement homes, veterans' organizations, religious communities formerly serving our parishes and schools, etc. Students in the Archdiocese of Atlanta witnessed mercy first-hand by practicing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

Thank you to our shepherds, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, Auxiliary Bishop Luis Zarama and all of the dedicated clergy who generously support our schools.

Thank you to our parents, who have partnered with us in the academic and faith formation of their children.

Finally, we appreciate the generous support of our benefactors and key sponsors. Please know of our commitment to the on-going pursuit of excellence in all that we do.

Gratefully,

Diane Starkovich, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

### *Archdiocesan* School Advisory Council

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St. Joseph Catholic Church  
St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church



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*Associate Superintendent*

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*Assistant Superintendent*

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*School Psychologist*

Donna Tomlinson  
*Assistant to the Psychologist*

Debra Wheeler  
*Program Specialist*

Kristen Adamson  
*Receptionist*

Terry Graham  
*Coordinator of Parish-Based  
Early Childhood Programs*

## Student *Demographics*

Total Enrollment – 8,167

Elementary – 5,747

High School – 2,420

Minority-- 24%

Catholic-Non-Catholic – 87% - 13%

National School Lunch Program Qualified – 9%

Learning Needs – 11%

High School Graduates in 2015 – 569

High School Graduation Rate – 100%

College Scholarship Totals\* – \$57,895,756.00

(\*exclusive of HOPE)

**Archdiocese of Atlanta (AoA)  
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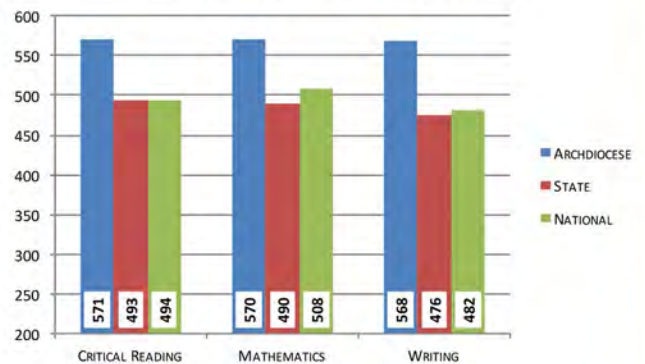
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<b>Grade Level Totals</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Domains:</b>						
Faith Knowledge	79	71	84	71	78	69
Liturgical Life	86	68	81	69	81	72
Moral Formation	83	78	88	81	86	75
Prayer	71	65	82	73	88	79
Communal Life	79	72	77	62	86	76
Missionary Spirit	67	54	88	76	82	74
<b>Pillars:</b>						
Creed	78	70	82	69	84	74
Liturgy & Sacraments	76	68	82	69	84	74
Morality	79	72	88	79	84	75
Prayer	71	65	82	73	77	69



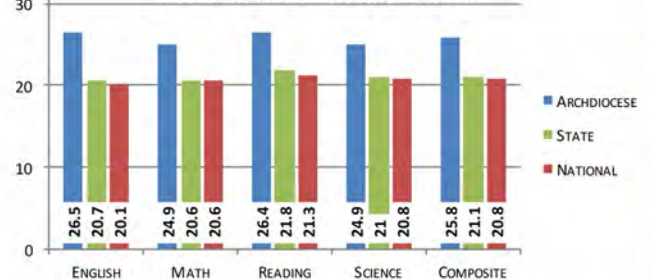
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## ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA AVERAGE SAT SCORES 2015



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## Archdiocese of Atlanta 2015 Iowa Assessment National Percentile Rank

Core Total									
K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
92	82	86	81	83	82	80	84	84	

Language Arts Total									
K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
90	83	83	83	87	87	88	90	90	

Math Total									
K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
94	86	88	80	80	80	75	79	79	

Social Studies Total									
K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
*	83	85	78	81	81	77	83	82	

Science Total									
K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
*	85	86	80	82	80	79	76	79	

*\*Subject not assessed at this grade level*

## 2015 Advanced Placement (AP) Course Statistics

985 Students  
2015 Exams  
29 Subjects  
3.42 - Average Score  
78.5% of Students scored 3 or higher  
College Board's AP Honor Roll

# Tuition Assistance

Archdiocesan Catholic Schools are supported by parishes through an assessment of approximately 12% of parish ordinary income. These resources are used to reduce construction debt for five schools built in 1999-2000 and to provide tuition assistance to Catholic families.



## Catholic Schools

### GRACE Scholars

Georgia taxpayers can make a no-cost contribution to GRACE Scholars, a Student Scholarship Organization (SSO) founded by the bishops of Georgia. GRACE Scholars provides Catholic schools scholarship dollars to award to students with financial need. Contributions are "no cost," as they are eligible for a 100% tax credit against income taxes.

In school year 2015-2016, \$3.1 million were contributed from donors throughout the state, of which \$2.2 million were collected right here in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. As a result, 513 students in archdiocesan schools received \$1.8 million in scholarship dollars for the 2015-2016 school year.

### Archbishop's Banquet for Catholic Education

Through the generosity of sponsors for the annual Archbishop's Banquet for Catholic Education, the Office of Catholic Schools awarded seven scholarships in the amount of \$3500.00 each to children of school, parish, and chancery employees in the 2015-2016 school year.

### Financial Aid Funding Sources:

During the 2015-2016 school year, applicants for financial aid demonstrated need totaling \$10.6 million dollars. Through archdiocesan and local school efforts, \$9.3 million dollars, or 87.5%, of the need was satisfied, easing the financial strain for families wishing to secure a Catholic education for their children.

- Archdiocesan financial aid \$3,000,000
- Local tuition assistance \$3,200,000
- Other aid \$1,300,000
- GRACE (One-Year Award) \$1,800,000

**Total assistance awarded \$9.3 Million**



### School Tuition and Cost to Educate Rates

Archdiocesan Median Catholic Tuition Rates:

- Elementary - \$7,471
- Secondary - \$11,917

Archdiocesan Median Cost to Educate\*

- Elementary - \$8,926
- Secondary - \$13,357

*\*Includes bond subsidy for CENGI Schools*

### Federal Program Participation

*Archdiocesan Catholic Schools participate in several federally funded compensatory programs to provide services to students and professional development to faculty and staff.*

Title I \$158,257  
 Title II (A) \$233,941  
 E-rate \$133,891

**Total \$526,089**

## Office of Catholic Schools

### Revenue Sources

The services provided by the Office of Catholic Schools are predominantly funded in three ways: the archdiocesan budget, school pupil assessment (\$33 per student), and the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

- Archdiocesan Budget \$447,569
- Pupil Assessment \$269,511
- Archbishop's Annual Appeal \$50,000
- Other \$86,639

**Office of Catholic Schools Expenses \$853,719**

