

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

March 15, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Our Lord,

Many of you in metro Denver and certain locations of northern Colorado recently received the first of two important surveys commissioned by the Archdiocese of Denver Office of Catholic Schools. The results of this first survey will be very important to the Catholic community's planning and discernment efforts with respect to Catholic high school education in metro Denver and northern Colorado. Our sincerest thanks to all of you who took the time to fill it out. The tremendous response was much more than expected and as a result, we have very valuable data and feedback that will greatly assist future decisions. If you did not receive this first survey, please know it simply means you were not in the geographic locations relevant to those surveys.

As we previously shared with the Archdiocesan Catholic community, there is a second, even more comprehensive survey on Catholic education that we are launching today! **This NEW survey encompasses all parishes and all schools across the Archdiocese of Denver.** We invite every member of our community, whether you currently have students enrolled in one of our schools or not, to participate and provide your insights to this important study. Your feedback will be most valuable!

This survey, which is a crucial part of the Archbishop's and Office of Catholic School's *Year of Discernment*, will help analyze the current strengths, challenges, and opportunities of our Catholic schools and assist us in discerning a plan for the continued renewal and strengthening of our Catholic educational mission, focused on the following key guiding questions:

- Why do our Catholic schools exist?
- What are they doing well and where must they improve?
- How do we best strengthen, sustain, and support our Catholic educational mission now and for future generations?

To be truly successful in this discernment effort, we need your help. Please consider taking a few brief minutes to complete the survey. Below you will find links to our survey which is available in three languages:

- English survey Click HERE
- **Section** Español HERE
- ❖ Vietnamese <u>HERE</u>

We simply ask that only one person per household complete the survey for your family. Know that your participation in this discernment process by completing this survey will bring great fruit for our Catholic schools and the future of our Catholic educational ministry in our Archdiocese. If you have school-aged children, please think of your *oldest* child who is still in the Pre-K to 12th grades when filling out the survey. **Our deadline for this survey is Friday, MARCH 26th.**

Thank you for your consideration!

Your servant in Our Lord,

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Completion of this survey is voluntary and will not affect your standing with the Archdiocese of Denver, the Office of Catholic Schools, or any Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Denver. All individual responses will be kept confidential. All data is collected and analyzed by a third-party, with only aggregate results being presented. For any questions regarding this survey, please contact Brian Fahey (brianf@qrem.info 720-724-7736 Monday – Friday from 9AM to 5PM), or Carol Nesbitt (carol.nesbitt@archden.org) at the Office of Catholic Schools.

