



Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School Catholic Development Office



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Dear Alumni, Benefactors and Friends of Cedar Catholic:

Today, we had our 1st First Friday Mass of the new semester with our students. January 5th is also the Memorial of St. John Neumann. How appropriate because St. John Neumann is one of the early founders of the Catholic Schools in our nation. He formed the first lay board to help govern and support Catholic Schools making the parochial system into a diocesan system. With the huge influx of immigrants in the 1830's, he, as Bishop of Philadelphia, had to provide religious instruction to thousands of European immigrants seeking to practice their Catholic Faith in the new world. He founded many parishes and schools in his Diocese and began the same movement across the country. Forty years after he died the Catholic schools of Cedar County began the Catholic education of our immigrant children. So, it was proper that at mass today all the students and teachers received a blessing using a first class relic of St. John Neuman.

I invite you to help us continue the mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with our students and families. Our goal is to form not only Disciples of Jesus but Missionary Disciples of Jesus: courageous disciples who are willing to witness to their faith to others. It is the Big Goal of our entire local church, the Archdiocese of Omaha.

I am proud of the growth we have seen in our families, our faculty and our students towards this goal. We need your prayers and continued financial support so that we can continue the mission here at Cedar Catholic. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Fr. Owen W. Korte
President, Cedar Catholic



Scan with your phone to donate.

To assist Cedar's three-year strategic planning process, gift promises accordingly are welcomed. See reverse side for Details

Yes, I (we) would like to make a gift to the 2024 President's Appeal to assist the school budget. ENCLOSED IS MY/OUR GIFT OF:
___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$100 ___\$250 ___\$500 ___\$1,000 ___\$2,500 ___\$5,000 ___Other

Name: _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Payment Options:

Payment by Check: _____ Check Number _____ (Please Make Checks Payable to Cedar Catholic Development.)

On-Line Payment: cedarcatholic.org—click on Quick links; Donate; Annual Fund Drive (Add 4% to your gift amount to cover PayPal processing charges.)

Payment by Credit Card: ___Visa ___Master Card (Add 4% to your gift amount to cover Credit Card processing fees.)

Name on Credit Card: _____

Card Expiration Date: _____ 3-Digit Security Code on Card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

- Please save a stamp and send my acknowledgment to me by e-mail!
- No acknowledgment for this gift is necessary.

Return this form & your gift to:
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2024

This Cedar Catholic President's letter is an invitation to you to make a difference in the day to day school life of Cedar Catholic students.

An annual gift assists the weekly, monthly, or fiscal year budget for the costs of Catholic education. Supporting Cedar's annual appeal is a way of helping "put spiritual and academic food on the table" for our Catholic high school. Thank you for your generosity to assist forming future disciples and leadership.



Cedar Catholic Mission Motivators:

- Cedar provides wholistic education of the body, mind and soul.
- Offering challenging academics integrated with Catholic values and morals to develop students spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and socially.
- Students participate in the Living the Faith program by making time within schedules to serve others. All students are in Discipleship groups, regular religion classes, weekly and special Masses. Some are part of Campus Ministry, Mass cantors, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and servers. All participate in daily classroom prayers, parish, school, and community service hours per semester, class religious retreats, Advent service projects to help in and outside of the community, and annually hosting a seven-Catholic-school Youth Rally for elementary students.
- Students earn academic awards per semester. An average of 95% of students, seventh through twelfth grades, earn the Honor or Merit Roll.
- Cedar students have set record ACT scores. In the past eight years, graduating seniors have posted six of the highest class averages in the school's history. In that time, several have posted scores of 35 and 34 out of a possible 36. Several 29 and 30 scores have also been accomplished. An average of six seniors have qualified annually for the Mid-State Conference Academic Team, requiring a minimum ACT of 26.
- Twelve college credit courses are offered for head-start college opportunities. Approximately 40% of our students graduate with at least one semester of college credit.

There are many accomplishments in extra-curricular activities the fine arts, music, and athletic programs.



CCHS Mission:
Empowered by our Catholic faith and the Holy Spirit, Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School develops disciples, scholars, and leaders for the future.

Your Gift to This Appeal Will Support:

- Teacher salaries and benefit increases.
- On-going costs for academic advancement.
- More provisions for faculty and staff professional development programs and services.
- Rising costs of transportation needs. (School and activity bus expenses.)
- Technology updates in classrooms, for teachers, and our websites.

Currently the Cedar Catholic administration is inviting school patrons' input for the three-year strategic plan.

A three-year gift promise will greatly support the future plan.

Yes, I (we) would like to help ensure the school's future plan with a three-year gift promise of \$_____ per year for 2024, 2025 & 2026.
(Annual reminders will be sent.)

Your input for the three-year strategic plan is welcome.

Send suggestions with your gift to:
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