



# Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School

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Dear Alumni, Benefactors and Friends of Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School,

This past summer, the Cedar Catholic Board of Education adopted new Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, directing a shift from the Priest as President to a Lay President Model. As a graduate of the class of 1975, I am humbled to have the opportunity to return and serve the Cedar Catholic Community as your first Lay President. The overwhelming support and generosity of our Catholic Community and Alumni allow us to continue to provide quality programs in a Christ-centered environment at an affordable cost.

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.

### ***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

### **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.*

### ***Cedar Catholic Mission Motivators:***

- Cedar provides holistic 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.
- Continued success and accomplishments in extra-curricular activities, including the fine arts, music, and athletic programs.
- A summary of the Lay President Job Description is included on the back of this letter.

Sincerely,

Dan Hoelsing, President

**A Christ-Centered, Caring, Respectful Community that Goes the Extra Mile!**



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## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

**POSITION TITLE:** Cedar Catholic High School of Hartington, NE: President  
**REPORTS TO:** Archbishop & Superintendent of Schools  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** TBD  
**POSITION STATUS:** Exempt: Full-Time

### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

The President of an Archdiocese of Omaha School articulates the mission and vision of the school and assumes total responsibility for its external and internal operation. As the Chief Executive Officer, the individual is accountable to the Archbishop of Omaha and the Superintendent of Schools, as well as the Board of Directors and other advisory entities.

The President serves as the primary spiritual leader of the school and communicates and promotes Catholic values in all aspects and functions of the position. He/She is responsible for creating and promoting a strategic vision for the institution, seeking sufficient financial resources for the school, and maintaining sound fiscal management of all business operations. Comprehensive attention is afforded to development efforts with current families, alumni, friends of the school, and community and corporate partners.

In collaboration with the principal, who has primary responsibility for the daily operation of the school, the President ensures, through proper delegation and oversight, that all academic, spiritual, social, extracurricular activities, recruitment and promotion efforts, and other internal operations are successfully achieved.

The President maintains a positive attitude and respects the dignity of each person and is committed to resolving conflicts and difficulties, applying appropriate problem solving strategies. He/She maintains a strong working relationship with all stakeholders based upon mutual respect. The President promotes the overall reputation and values of the school, serving as the primary liaison between the school, the Board, and the Archdiocese. The President serves as an ex-officio member of the school board, any and all school councils, sub committees, clubs, and/or committees.

The President of Cedar Catholic High School has an added and unique responsibility in that he/she also oversees the Development efforts that directly affect the two Elementary Feeder Schools: East and West Elementary and Holy Trinity Elementary. The role of the President is that of a unifier and strengthener of the bonds that bind Cedar County Catholic Schools.