



Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School

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

Over the past two years, the Cedar Catholic Board of Education adopted and implemented updated Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, guiding our transition from a priest-led presidency to a Lay President model. As a proud graduate of the Class of 1975, I am humbled and honored to return and serve the Cedar Catholic community as your first Lay President. The unwavering support and generosity shown by our Catholic community and our alumni make it possible for us to continue offering high-quality, Christ-centered education at an affordable cost.

This President's Letter is an invitation for you to make a meaningful impact on the daily life of Cedar Catholic students. An annual gift directly supports the weekly, monthly, and yearly budget needs essential for providing a strong Catholic education. Your participation in Cedar Catholic's Annual Appeal truly helps "put spiritual and academic food on the table" for our students. Thank you for the generosity you extend in forming future disciples, scholars, and leaders.

Your Gift to This Appeal Will Support:

- Teacher salary and benefit increases
- Ongoing academic advancement needs
- Additional provisions for faculty and staff professional development
- Rising transportation costs, including school and activity bus expenses
- Technology updates in classrooms, teaching tools, and school 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:

- Providing a holistic education that nurtures body, mind, and soul
- Offering rigorous academics integrated with Catholic values and morals to form students spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and socially
- Ensuring all students participate in the *Living the Faith* program, which includes:
 - Discipleship groups
 - Regular religion classes
 - Weekly and special Masses
 - Opportunities to serve as cantors, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and servers
 - Daily classroom prayer
 - Required parish, school, and community service hours each semester
 - Class religious retreats
 - Advent service projects within and beyond the community
 - Hosting an annual Youth Rally for elementary Catholic schools
- Recognizing academic achievement each semester, with 95% of 7–12 students earning Honor Roll or Merit Roll this year.
- Celebrating record ACT performance—over the past eight years, graduating classes have earned six of the highest average ACT scores in school history, including 5 scores of 30 or better and 8 additional scores in the 25–29 range. 9 of these seniors earned a spot on the Mid-State Conference Academic Team.
- College credit courses offered through Northeast Community College provide early college opportunities to high school students. Cedar Catholic students are enrolled in a total of 228 Dual Credit classes during the 2025-2026 school year.
- Continuing a strong tradition of success in extracurricular activities, including fine arts, music, and athletics. 98% of CCHS students are involved in at least one extra-curricular activity this year.

Sincerely,

Dan Hoelsing, President

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