



**AQUINAS
CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS**

OUR PILLARS AND 2026-2031

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Aquinas Catholic Schools

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OUR MISSION

**CHRIST-CENTERED.
EXCELLENCE-DRIVEN.
FUTURE-READY.**



OUR VISION

A community where our Catholic faith shapes character, learning fosters growth, and each student is prepared to lead and serve.



OUR COMMITMENTS

Faithfulness. Integrity.
Responsibility. Growth.
Service. Communication.



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Student Growth and Achievement

- Ensure high quality 3P-12, research-based instructional practices, curricular alignment, and differentiation that supports each student.
- Foster an environment that develops strong character, provides student support, and cultivates a sense of belonging so each student feels valued and empowered.

Leadership and Staff

Strengthen a collaborative culture that intentionally recruits and retains staff through supported mentoring, evidence-based professional learning, and competitive compensation and benefits.

Faith Formation

Implement models that allow all students, staff, and leaders to bridge the gap between head and heart so a lifelong relationship with Jesus is established, strengthened, and shared.

Service and Partnerships

- Strengthen an organization-wide commitment to service.
- Foster meaningful relationships, creating trust and collaboration.

Finance and Operations

Ensure a sustainable financial and operational plan that maximizes resources in a strategic, equitable, and responsible manner.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Aquinas Catholic Schools has a proud tradition of forming students who excel academically, grow in faith, and lead with integrity. That tradition is made possible through the shared commitment of our families, parishes, faculty, staff, and community partners who believe deeply in the value of Catholic education.

As we look ahead, our work remains centered on a clear mission: to provide an outstanding Catholic education that prepares students not only for college and career, but also for lives of faith, service, and leadership. Our schools are uniquely positioned to offer both the opportunities of a comprehensive school system and the personal connections that come from a close-knit community rooted in shared values.

The future of Aquinas Catholic Schools depends on our ability to listen, collaborate, and plan intentionally. By engaging our community, reflecting on our strengths, and focusing on strategic priorities, we will continue to advance academic excellence, strengthen our Catholic identity, support and develop exceptional educators, and responsibly steward the resources entrusted to us.

The work before us is both meaningful and urgent. Together, we will continue building a system of schools where every student is known, challenged, supported, and inspired to use their gifts in service to others.

Thank you for your continued partnership in the mission of Aquinas Catholic Schools.

Ted Knutson '80
President



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