



I am pleased to share with you the wonderful progress of our schools. As your bishop, I remain steadfast in the mission of *Living and Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, Welcoming All!* And what better way to fulfill this mission than through our Catholic schools.

Daily I pray for those of you who are parents, the first educators of your children in the ways of the faith. Teachers and administrators in our schools are privileged to help form and educate your children. To assist in this formation and development of your children I have appointed the Very Reverend Austin Gilstrap as Episcopal Vicar for Education and Formation. Father Gilstrap will work closely with Dr. Rebecca Hammel, superintendent of Catholic Schools, to deliver an education of the highest quality, rooted in Catholic tradition and Church doctrine.

I would like to thank the Advancement of Catholic Education (ACE) board and donors, the Catholic School Advisory Council, and the Hand in Hand Options (HIHO) board for their dedication to ensuring that our students receive the best Catholic education possible. The boards, committees, councils, and donors — comprised of parents, grandparents, family members, alumni, and parishioners — make Catholic education accessible to many in our community.

We hope you find this Catholic Schools Office Annual Report informative, enlightening, and instructive on how we, together with the Holy Spirit's guidance, educate and develop the whole child.


Most Reverend J. Mark Spalding
Bishop of Nashville