



DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for considering for your children the rich Catholic education that more than 17,000 students are receiving this year in the Diocese of Arlington. The faith formation provided by a Catholic school is a tremendous blessing. In addition to a strong academic education, our students study and celebrate our Catholic faith five days a week. They pray daily and often join together for the celebration of Mass and the Sacrament of Penance. Our schools are sacred places in which the students are reminded of God's abiding presence in our midst.

Undoubtedly, you will find your local Catholic school to be a caring and safe environment and known for its commitment to excellence in education. I respectfully encourage you as parents, the primary educators of your children, to discover the gift of Catholic education. Know that it is a privilege for our talented and dedicated educators to assist you in the faith formation and education of your children.

It is my hope that we will have an opportunity to welcome your children for the upcoming academic year. I assure you of my enthusiastic support of Catholic education and of my confidence that your children will grow spiritually and advance academically through the formation and education they receive in the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arlington.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington