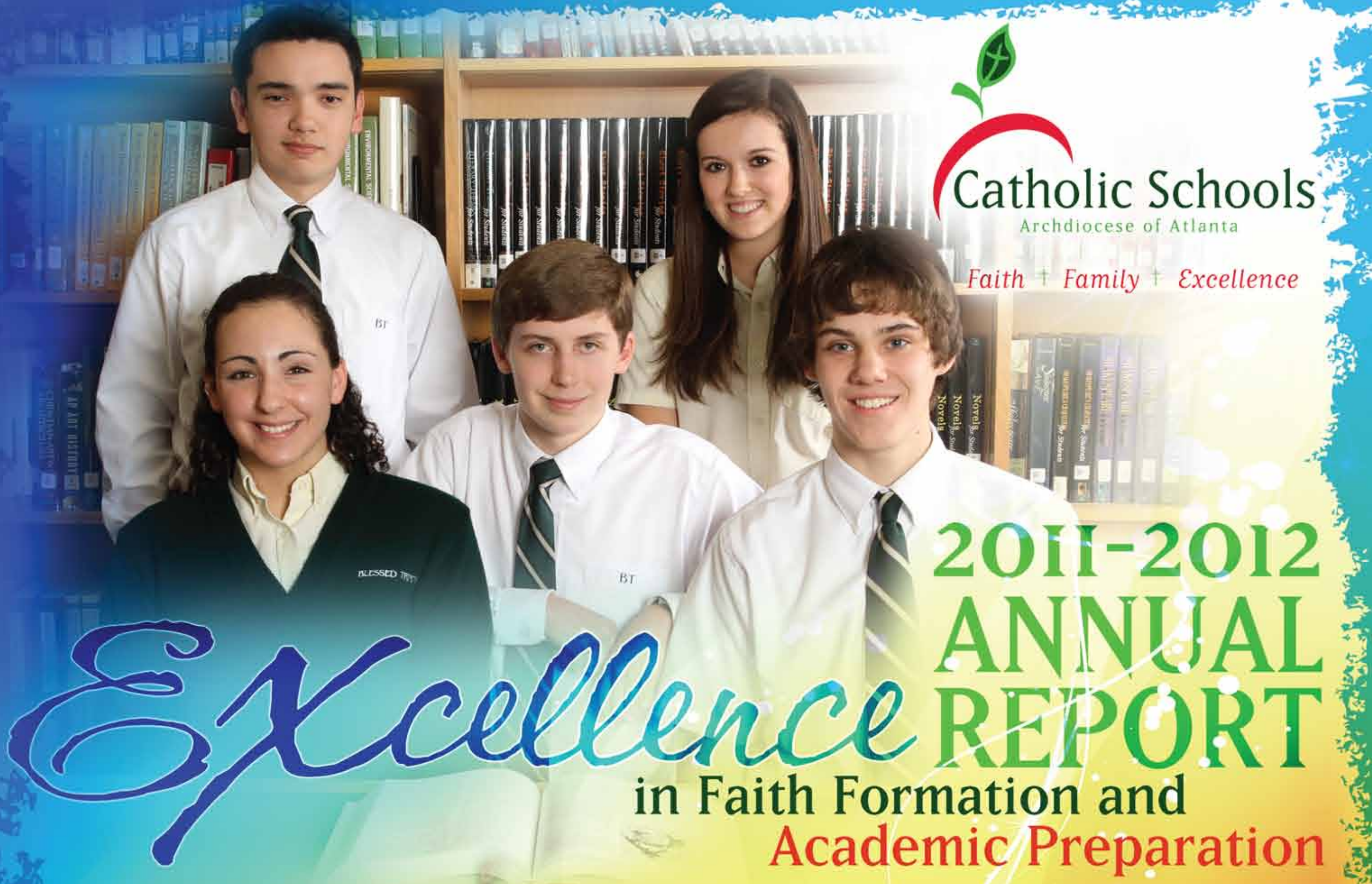




Catholic Schools  
Archdiocese of Atlanta

Faith + Family + Excellence



# Excellence

## 2011-2012 ANNUAL REPORT

### in Faith Formation and Academic Preparation



Faith  
Family  
Excellence

#### Office of Catholic Schools Mission Statement

As a service of the Archbishop of Atlanta, the Office of Catholic Schools provides support, assistance, and guidance for administrators, faculties, local school councils and parents in order to promote and to enhance the educational ministry of the local Church.

#### Mission Statement for the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Atlanta

The Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Atlanta serve a vital role in the educational ministry of the Church. Our schools are committed to providing quality education in an environment of spiritual, intellectual, and moral formation in accordance with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

With this Annual Report, we recognize the educational and social excellence that our Catholic school students have attained through their many accomplishments and achievements this year.

Our sincerest thanks go to all the parents and guardians because we know you are the primary teachers of your children. We are also grateful to the highly qualified Catholic school administrators and teachers for their dedication and commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience for young people that is both truly Catholic and of the highest academic quality. Our pastors and parochial vicars also play an important role in the ministry of Catholic education and faith formation of our children.

May God continue to bless our students as we continue to provide strong faith formation in our Catholic schools forming future leaders in the church, future priests and religious as well as highly educated and deeply committed men and women of faith.

*Wilton D. Gregory*  
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Archbishop of Atlanta



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## Testing Data

### EXCELLENCE IN FAITH FORMATION

**Liturgy** The celebration of the Eucharist is at the center of every school community. The majority of elementary schools celebrate Mass weekly with daily opportunities provided on the high school level.

**Outreach** Every school in the Archdiocese of Atlanta engages in service projects throughout the school year. Students give of their time and talent to soup kitchens, shelters, community organizations, and collection drives for those in need. On the secondary school level, mission trips to Latin America are part of the experience through which students learn to be of service to Christ wherever they encounter Him.

**Education** The program of study in Archdiocesan high schools adheres to the course requirements as presented in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Framework for High Schools. The quality of religious instruction in our schools is affirmed through the results of the Assessment of Catechesis and Religious Education (ACRE), a national assessment of religious content, beliefs and practices.

**Character Development** The moral development of students is fostered through the core Religion curriculum as well as through the use of virtue and counseling programs and through participation in initiatives such as No Place for Hate, Rachel's Challenge, and other projects that encourage a climate of respect for others.

### EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC PREPARATION

#### Leadership - Faculty/Staff

Our commitment — The Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Atlanta are committed to excellence in academic instruction.

- + The overwhelming majority of teachers hold or are eligible to hold state certification (certification is required for teachers hired after July 1, 2008).
- + The Office of Catholic Schools has been approved by the state of Georgia as an alternative teacher certification provider through the One-Year Supervised Practicum.
- + All teachers participate in ongoing professional development in content and faith formation.
- + All religion teachers either hold or are working toward catechist certification or hold a Masters' degree in Theology.
- + 15 Average years of experience
- + 49% with advanced degrees
- + 15:1 Student:Teacher ratio

#### Curriculum Development

- + A comprehensive K-8 Technology curriculum was implemented in the 2009-2010 school year.
- + Currently, five archdiocesan elementary schools are participating in a program to implement electronic textbooks and resources using iPads.

#### Science

- + Many schools participate in extra-curricular programs such as Science Olympiad, Future Cities, and Lego Robotics
- + Archdiocesan high schools offer a total of five Advanced Placement courses in science including Biology, Chemistry, Physics B and C, and Environmental Science

#### Arts

- + Annually an Archdiocesan Art Show and Music Festival are held to showcase the artistic talents of K-12 students in Catholic Schools
- + Archdiocesan high schools offer a total of four Advanced Placement courses in fine arts including Music Theory and Studio Art 2D, 3D and Drawing Portfolio

#### Accreditation

- + Every Archdiocese of Atlanta Catholic School is accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and holds dual accreditation through the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS).

In September, 2011, the Office of Catholic Schools (OCS) was approved as a candidate for District-Wide Accreditation through AdvancED, the parent organization of SACS. Working in collaboration with schools, parents, and students, the OCS will conduct a detailed self-study which will be validated by a team of visiting educators from outside the archdiocese. The visit is anticipated to take place in spring, 2013.

#### Blue Ribbon Schools

- + 73% archdiocesan elementary schools have been recognized as US Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools.

### ATHLETICS

- + Blessed Trinity Athletic Director Ricky Turner named All Classification Athletic Director of the Year by the Georgia High School Athletic Association (GHSA)
- + Our Lady of Mercy Athletic Director Bill Schmitz named Athletic Director of the Year for the A classification. The school received its third consecutive GHSA Sportsmanship Award
- + St. Pius X received the school's third consecutive Georgia Athletic Directors Association Directors Cup recognizing the school with the best athletic program in the AAA classification
- + Archdiocesan high schools accounted for six state championship teams and one national championship team (St. Pius X Boys' Soccer)

## Fact Sheets

### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- + Number of students (elementary, secondary, independent) - 11,889
- + Minority % - 21
- + Catholic/Non-Catholic % - 86/14
- + Learning Needs % - 11
- + Eligible For Free/Reduced Lunch % - 7
- + Graduation % - 100 (Class of 2011)
- + College scholarship totals - \$24.9 million in college scholarships (exclusive of HOPE) to the Class of 2011 at Blessed Trinity, Our Lady of Mercy, and St. Pius X
- + Service statistics — approximately 108,183 hours of service (the equivalent of 12.3 years) were completed by faculty and students during the 2010-2011 school year.
- + Parish Pre-Schools - 32

### Archdiocesan Advisory Council

Brian Newhall, Chair	St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church
Tom Nemchik, Vice Chair	St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church
Fr. Frank McNamee, Pastor	Cathedral of Christ the King
Salvador Arias	Holy Cross Catholic Church
Dr. Thomas Burns	All Saints Catholic Church
Dr. Paula Heard	St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Bill Maron	St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Michael Oblen	St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church
Chris Reynolds	All Saints Catholic Church
Brad Wilson	St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church
Bob Zimmer	Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

### Office of Catholic Schools

Diane Starkovich, Ph.D.	Superintendent of Schools
Tom Campbell	Associate Superintendent of Schools
Megan Hume	Assistant to the Superintendent
Terry Graham	Coordinator of Parish-Based Early Childhood Programs
Nancy Dilly	School Psychologist
Donna Tomlinson	Assistant to the School Psychologist
Ceci McAuliffe	Director of Special Services
Tamara Crockett	Receptionist

### Services

Curriculum Development	Federal Programs	Parish Pre-Schools
School Psychologist	One Year Supervised Practicum	Financial

The Office of Catholic Schools is supported by parishes through the assessment of approximately 13% of parish ordinary income. These resources are used to help fund construction debt from five schools built in 1999-2000 as well as provide tuition assistance to Catholic families (\$3.1 Million in 2011-2012).

- + Archdiocesan Block Grant - \$3.1 Million (2011-2012)
- + Local tuition assistance - \$4.5 Million (2011-2012)

### Grace

- + \$3.7 Million Total Statewide awarded to approximately 450 students
- + \$608,048 One-Year Award Archdiocese of Atlanta (2011-2012)

Residents of Georgia may choose to redirect a portion of their tax liability to Georgia Residents Assisting Children's Education (GRACE). Funds are set aside to help finance scholarships for the student's career at the school.

### Revenue Sources

**Parish Assessment** — Repayment of bond debt and archdiocesan financial aid

**Alumni** — support archdiocesan Catholic schools through their gifts of time as volunteers, talent as members of advisory councils and through contributed services, and treasure through monetary and gifts in kind.

**Catholic Schools** — support the operation of the Office of Catholic Schools through a \$32 per student head tax (\$276,320 in 2010-2011)

Through the generosity of the sponsors of the annual Archbishop's Banquet for Catholic Education, the Office of Catholic Schools has been able to award scholarships to children of school, parish, and chancery employees.

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal** - \$50,000

**Archdiocesan Budget** - \$406,798

**Other** - \$42,720

**Expenses** - \$775,838

### Median Tuition

Elementary - \$6,916  
Secondary - \$11,100

### Median Cost to Educate \*

Elementary - \$9,019  
Secondary - \$14,818  
\*Includes bond subsidy for CENGI Schools

### Federal Title Programs - \$422, 480

Title I - \$154,942  
Title II (A) - \$189,746  
Title II (D) - \$8,626  
E-rate - \$69,166

### Archdiocese of Atlanta 2011 ITBS National Percentile Rank

Core Total								
K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
83	86	87	84	86	87	83	86	84
Reading Total								
K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	90	85	80	82	83	81	83	83
Language Total								
K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
88	92	86	85	87	88	83	85	84
Math Total								
K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
85	84	86	83	84	83	80	82	82
Social Studies Total								
K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	79	81	89	86	86	81	82	81
Science Total								
K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	77	81	83	85	82	80	83	80

### ACRE 2011

#### Archdiocesan Average National Percentile Rank

	5th	8th	12th
Archdiocesan Average	78	84	78
National Average	71	71	70

### Average ACT Scores

Year	English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
	Arch.	State	Arch.	State	Arch.	State	Arch.	State	Arch.	State
2011	25.4	20.1	24.8	20.7	25.3	20.8	24.0	20.3	25.0	20.6

### Average SAT Scores

Year	Critical Reading		Mathematics		Writing	
	Archdiocese	State	Archdiocese	State	Archdiocese	State
2011	559	485	557	487	556	473

### 2011 Advanced Placement Exams

- + 734 Students
- + 1,298 Exams
- + 25 Subjects
- + 3.26 - Average Score
- + 78% - Score of 3 or Above

#### Dear Friends of Catholic Education:

It is with great pleasure that the Office of Catholic Schools presents this inaugural annual report for the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. I invite you to learn more about our schools by exploring the contents of this document which summarize the excellence in faith formation and outstanding academic preparation found in each of our schools.



Our schools are blessed with the support of generous benefactors, dedicated and highly-qualified professional staffs, committed clergy, involved parents, and most importantly, students who are eager and willing to learn.

Please know of our gratitude and continued prayers for each of you.

*Diane Starkovich, Ph.D.*

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