



Keys to Advancing Catholic School Success

BUILDING AN EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR THE DIOCESE OF ORANGE



Superintendent's Message

I am pleased to present to you the "7 Keys to Catholic School Success." This strategic vision of the present and future of our diocese has been the culmination of three years of consultation, planning, prayer and study with the clergy, principals, faculty, parents, students and diocesan school leaders from across the country. I am grateful to all who have traveled together in creating this guiding vision.

A vision and plan is not an ending, but only a beginning. Through strategic implementation of these keys, we will build together a school system that is vibrant, inclusive, sustainable and, most importantly, true to its Gospel mission.

I invite you to join us with your prayers, participation and support as we unlock the future of Catholic education in the Diocese of Orange.

Greg Dhuyvetter
Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Orange



Goal/Mission/Vision

GOAL • Make our Catholic elementary and secondary schools available, accessible and affordable to all Catholic parents and their children, including those who are poor and middle class.

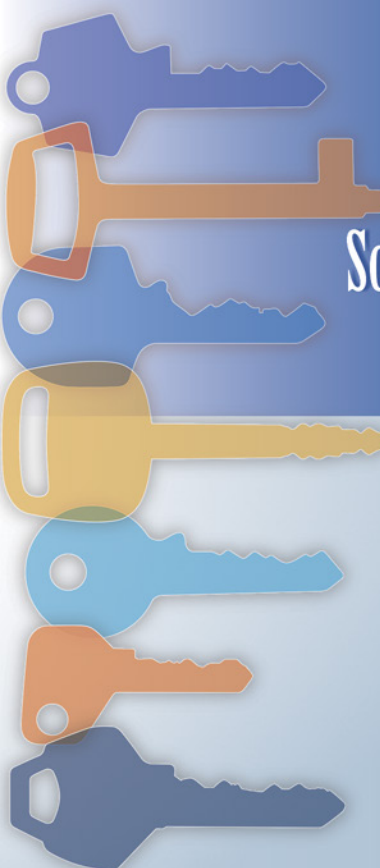
MISSION • Provide the best Catholic schools for the greatest number of children throughout the Diocese of Orange.

VISION • Create a system that provides support for the children of all Catholic families who are willing to pay according to their means.

A CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS A PRECIOUS GIFT

A Catholic education teaches more than strong academics; it teaches lessons for life. The well-rounded curriculum leads children to become faith-filled, productive and generous adults.





7 Keys to Catholic School Success in the Diocese of Orange

Building a successful school system takes careful consideration, forward-thinking and in-depth participation. The following 7 Keys will allow us to unlock the full potential of our schools and open new doors to education and opportunity.

"An education that honors God as Creator encourages our children to learn and to live their lives to the best of their abilities as God expects them to."

~ Fr. Tuyen Nguyen



1. Strong Catholic Identity

- Provide high quality religious formation for Catholic school principals and teachers
- Integrate Catholic faith, morals and culture into all aspects of school life
- Offer opportunities for the faith formation of school parents and families
- Nurture and support those exploring religious vocations
- Develop Pastors' Council on Catholic Identity



"A vibrant Catholic school can be the life of a parish. Children and families grow together in community and in faith."

~ Fr. Patrick Rudolph





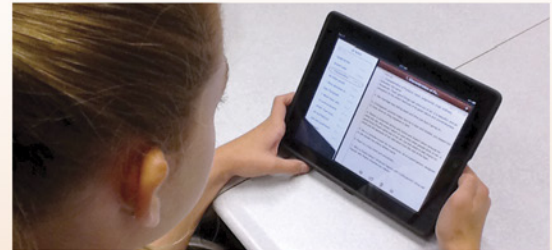
2. Academic Excellence

- Provide a robust, articulated, standards-based curriculum through all grades
- Emphasize STEAM skills—Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math
- Conduct systematic professional development for all teaching personnel
- Implement uniform developmental teacher observation and evaluation instruments
- Expand a comprehensive Early Childhood Program (pre-school, transitional kindergarten, kindergarten)
- Continue school self-analysis and improvement through third-party accreditation WCEA & WASC



3. Technology Innovation

- Provide individualized technology access in all school sites through the 1x1x2015 initiative
- Employ a Diocesan Director of Educational Technology to coordinate programs
- Develop and purchase first class, state-of-the-art technology based instruction and assessment materials
- Share technological resources across all campuses
- Teach responsible online student behavior through the iSafe program





4. Marketing & Enrollment Outreach

- Employ a multi-layered communications outreach to share the good news of Orange County Catholic schools
- Provide outreach to schools in need with marketing expertise and guidance
- Use demographic and enrollment data for effective marketing
- Support pastors and principals in Latino outreach initiatives
- Partner with University of Notre Dame's ACE program for school enrollment development



5. Financial Integrity

- Provide Diocesan assistance and oversight of financial budgeting, management and reporting
- Develop a fully-funded need-based financial aid source through the Diocesan Education Endowment and Pastoral Services Appeal
- Standardize the financial aid application and distribution process across all elementary schools
- Standardize use of automated tuition debit service
- Conduct a yearly assessment of all school maintenance and upgrade needs to support long-term planning and funding

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6. Forward Thinking Leadership

- Recruit and develop the highest quality Catholic principals and administrators
- Provide financial assistance for diocesan personnel completing Catholic educational leadership programs
- Develop a two-year principal mentorship and development program
- Implement a new, uniform principal evaluation instrument
- Identify and support prospective school leaders



7. Innovative Governance Structures

- Develop a Governance Assessment Committee to evaluate school sites to determine the most appropriate governance structure
- Build alliances of challenged schools to increase stability and share resources
- Explore nationwide data of new financial and governance models



"Every faculty member and administrator is committed to providing students with an education that is relevant, enriching, and that fosters a deeper understanding and love for God and their place within his creation." ~ John Wick

"Our graduates leave with a sense of academic accomplishment and a strong spirit of Christian community." ~ Sr. Kathleen Marie

Diocese of Orange Catholic School Directory

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

ANAHEIM

Saint Catherine's Academy
(714) 772-1363
www.stcatherinesacademy.org

Saint Justin Martyr School
(714) 772-4902
www.sjm-k8.com

BREA

Saint Angela Merici School
(714) 529-6372
www.stangelabrea.org

BUENA PARK

Saint Pius V School
(714) 522-5313
www.stpius5school.net

COSTA MESA

Saint Joachim School
(949) 574-7411
www.stjoachimparishschool.com

Saint John The Baptist School
(714) 557-5060
www.sjbschool.net

CYPRESS

Saint Irenaeus School
(714) 827-4500
www.stschoolcypress.org

DANA POINT

Saint Edward The Confessor
School (949) 496-1241
www.setcps.com

FULLERTON

Saint Juliana Falconieri School
(714) 871-2829
www.stjulianaschool.org

GARDEN GROVE

Christ Cathedral Academy
(714) 971-2023
www.christcathedralacademy.com

Saint Columban School
(714) 534-3947
www.saintcolumbanschool.com

HUNTINGTON BEACH

Saint Bonaventure School
(714) 846-2472
www.stbonaventureschool.org

Saints Simon & Jude School
(714) 962-4451
www.ssj.org/school

LA HABRA

Our Lady Of Guadalupe School
(562) 697-9726
www.olgvikings.com

LAGUNA BEACH

Saint Catherine Of Siena School
(949) 494-7339
www.stcathschool.org

LAGUNA NIGUEL

Saint Anne School
(949) 276-6700
www.stanne.org

LOS ALAMITOS

Saint Hedwig School
(562) 296-9060
www.sainthedwigparish.org/parishschool

NEWPORT BEACH

Our Lady Queen Of Angels School
(949) 644-1166
www.olqaschool.org

ORANGE

Holy Family Cathedral School
(714) 538-6012
www.holyfamilyk8.org

La Purisima School
(714) 633-5411
www.lpcs.net

Saint Norbert School
(714) 637-6822
www.stnorbertchurch.org/school

PLACENTIA

Saint Joseph School
(714) 528-1794
www.sjsplacentia.org

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

Serra Catholic School
(949) 888-1990
www.serraschool.org

SAN CLEMENTE

Our Lady Of Fatima School
(949) 492-7320
www.olfschool.net

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

Mission Basilica School
(949) 234-1385
www.missionbasilicaschool.org

SANTA ANA

Saint Anne School
(714) 542-9328
www.saintanneschool.net

Saint Barbara School
(714) 775-9477
www.stbarbara.com

Saint Joseph School
(714) 542-2704
www.stjoesa.org

School Of Our Lady
(714) 545-8185
www.schoolofourlady.org

STANTON

Saint Polycarp School
(714) 893-8882
www.saintpolycarpschool.com

TUSTIN

Saint Cecilia School
(714) 544-1533
www.stceciliak8.org

Saint Jeanne
De Lestonnac School
(714) 542-4271
www.sjdl.school.com

WESTMINSTER

Blessed Sacrament School
(714) 893-7701
www.bsscatholic.org

YORBA LINDA

Saint Francis Of Assisi
(714) 695-3700
www.stfayl.org

HIGH SCHOOLS

ANAHEIM

Cornelia Connelly High School
(All Girls) (714) 776-1717
www.connellyhs.org

Servite High School (All Boys)
(714) 774-7575
www.servitehs.org

FULLERTON

Rosary High School (All Girls)
(714) 879-6302
www.rosaryhs.org

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

Santa Margarita Catholic
High School
(949) 766-6000
www.smhs.org

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

JSerra Catholic High School
(949) 493-9307
www.jserra.org

SANTA ANA

Mater Dei High School
(714) 754-7711
www.materdei.org

SILVERADO

Saint Michael's Prep School
(All Boys)
(949) 858-0222 Ext. 237
www.stmichaelsprep.org



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A Letter from Bishop Kevin Vann



In the world of today which has so many challenges for families, parents must be even more vigilant about raising their children, and caring for them and bringing them to adulthood. Reflecting on this reality, the Second Vatican Council says that "Married couples should see it as their mission to transmit human life and to educate their children; they should realize that they are thereby cooperating with the love of God the Creator and are, in a certain sense, its interpreters. (*Gaudium et Spes* no. 50). Thus, it follows that in addition to having a nurturing family and a healthy home life, a strong faith in God and an exceptional academic education are essential to developing a child's full potential and an indispensable aid to assist parents in fulfilling their God-given responsibilities. We believe that the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Orange can do just that.



Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann

The main thing that distinguishes schools like ours from other learning institutions is the fact that we instill Catholic truths and values during the daily academic life of each student. It is indeed a healthy balance designed to help our children become the next well-rounded leaders of society, whose lives reflect their living out of their Faith in its fullness.

I am grateful to present these "7 Keys to Catholic School Success," our strategic vision for the future of our schools in the Diocese of Orange. They are the result of reflection, prayer and study, and will be the road map for the Catholic Schools of our Diocese in this Providential time where the Lord has brought us all together. We believe these will benefit our children greatly, and be a blessing to all of the families involved in our schools, and at the same time, are in communion with the life of the Church, and the teaching office of the Bishops in union with our Holy Father.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann
Bishop of Diocese of Orange