



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we launch into the new year, we look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2026, running from Sunday, January 25, to Saturday, January 31. This is not just another week on the calendar; it is a pivotal time to boldly proclaim the indispensable role our schools play in forging the future of our Northland Diocese.

Our Catholic schools are not institutions of maintenance; they are powerhouses of the Mission. They are where faith is not just taught, but *ignited*, shaping young souls into courageous leaders and dedicated Disciples. Throughout this powerful week, all 14 of our schools will open their doors for vibrant, engaging events, showcasing the extraordinary talents and achievements of our students. Come and witness firsthand the profound transformation happening in our classrooms and communities!

Look at the amazing profile of our graduates! They don't just *succeed*; they become the living legacy of our faith. The results are undeniable:

Ignited Faith: They are the next generation of seminarians and leaders, actively living out the Gospel and regularly attending Mass. We nurture this profound spirituality at every school by focusing on the sacraments, specifically through the Eucharist and adoration.

Exceptional Academics: They are equipped with the intellectual curiosity and critical skills to excel in any endeavor. They become the innovators, ethical leaders, and problem-solvers the world desperately needs.

Sent for Service: They possess a strong, active sense of civic responsibility, moving out from our campuses to build communities marked by justice and social good. They are apostles in action.

This week is also our chance to recognize the dedicated faculty and staff who pour their hearts, souls, and wisdom into nurturing the mind, body, and spirit of every child. Their tireless efforts are truly a treasure to our Diocese.

But the mission cannot continue without an investment from you. We believe with absolute conviction that a Catholic education must be accessible to *all* families who desire it, not just those who can afford it. To make this vision a reality, we urgently call upon every Catholic, including those in parishes without schools, to embrace their role as stewards of the greater Church. As part of Catholic Schools Week, we will hold a special diocesan-wide collection. This is your opportunity to make a tangible, powerful difference. The proceeds will provide additional support necessary to ensure our schools have further resources to deliver high-quality, faith-infused formation. Your generous contribution is not merely a donation; it is a direct investment in the vitality of our Diocese. It is the spark that ensures the flame of faith is passed to the next generation.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment. Let us celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2026 with passion, joy, and profound generosity, ensuring the enduring success and legacy of faith and knowledge for years to come!

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Rev. James P. Powers
Bishop of Superior