

Dear OLR Parishioners,

This Sunday marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. As Headmaster, it is my privilege to lead a school that bears authentic witness to the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Catholic faith. It is whispered in some corners that Catholic schools must be careful not to be TOO Catholic, otherwise we might struggle to attract the diversity of students we need to meet budget and sustain the program. That's simply false. OLR has become attractive and viable precisely by leaning into orthodoxy, delivered with joy by our dedicated teachers. We are boldly Catholic!

While these bulletin letters are generally an occasion for sharing words of spiritual wisdom, please allow me to share some numbers. They tell an encouraging story about OLR's present and future.

- 100% of OLR staff are practicing Catholics
- 97% of OLR students are Catholic, most practicing
- 75% of OLR school families are parishioners

The school currently has 330 students in pre-K through grade 12. We project an enrollment of 350 for the 2026-27 school year. For reference, in 2017, OLR had 125 students.

- We have received 113 applications for next year.
- 50 of these applications are from siblings of current students.
- Every grade now has a waitlist (more applications than openings)

We expect to graduate 22 students this May. Of these:

- 14 are applying to four-year colleges
- 9 plan to attend a Catholic college
- 8 are applying to two-year or technical colleges

These numbers only tell a little bit of the story. To truly understand what OLR school is, one must spend time on campus interacting with these truly exceptional teachers and students. If anyone reading this would like to learn more about OLR school for any reason, please do not hesitate to reach out. It would be my pleasure to tell you all about what we are doing.

With Gratitude for the Support of OLR Parish,

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