



FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

REVITALIZING OUR COMMITMENT TO TOP-QUALITY EDUCATION: THE CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee believes Catholic schools are key to shaping the future leaders of our Church and of our broader community. In following Archbishop Timothy Dolan’s pastoral directive to strengthen our schools and lifelong faith formation, the archdiocese seeks to renew the quality of our schools, focusing on

- Catholic identity
- High academic standards
- Parental and community involvement
- Teacher and principal attraction, retention and training
- Innovative educational initiatives
- Expanded/updated facilities
- Technology integration
- Accountability

These pillars support our new Centers of Excellence, emphasizing improvements in curriculum, standards, facilities and technology. The Centers of Excellence are not buildings; they are “teams with teeth”—leadership groups charged with advancing expertise and innovation in five key areas.

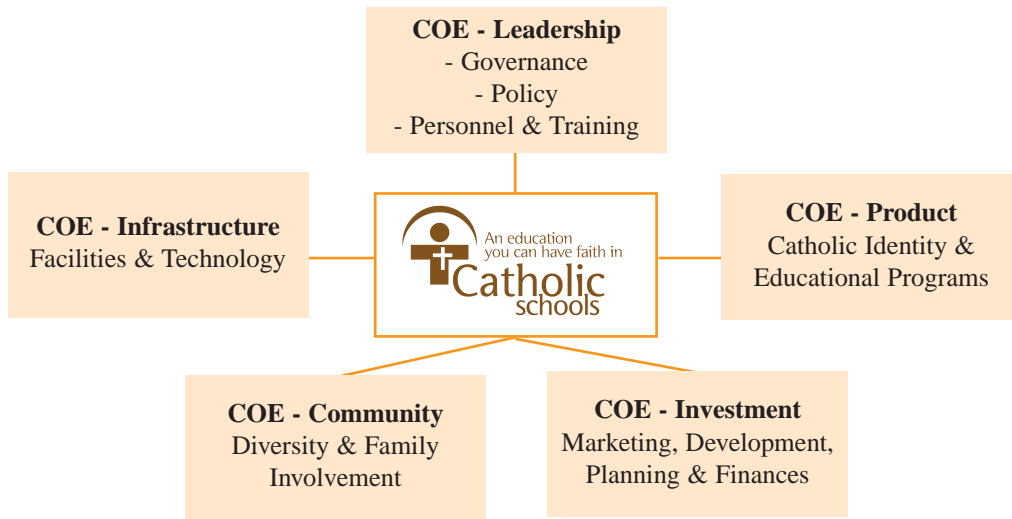
Leadership Excellence: Governance, Policy, Personnel and Training
Maintaining strength of structure and spirit to continue the vital work of Catholic schools

Product Excellence: Catholic Identity and Academic Excellence
Defining and promoting the core qualities that distinguish our schools

Investment Excellence: Marketing, Development, Planning & Finances
Generating and stewarding the funding to sustain our schools

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Jesus Christ: the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.



Community Excellence: Diversity and Family Involvement
Recognizing differences and commonalities to create success for students, families and schools

Infrastructure Excellence: Facilities and Technology
Providing the physical environment and the tools to support school missions

Each of these best-in-class teams is charged with looking for innovative ways to achieve and sustain excellence. Leaders with expertise specific to each Center are currently being sought in preparation for carrying out the initiatives described in our strategic education plan. A copy of this plan can be accessed at (website link). The plan started from the work of the Catholic Education Task Force and prior strategic planning efforts.

Our overarching goals include reversing downward enrollment trends, becoming more cost efficient and further supplementing parish subsidies. We want to pursue the operational benefits of collaboration, while giving parish and regional schools the flexibility to adapt to the needs of the families and students they serve.

The Centers of Excellence will enable the archdiocese to provide significant assistance in everything from recruiting students and teachers, to providing fundraising and financial counsel, to creating community outreach programs. We expect to eliminate redundancies, reduce costs, share success, foster innovation and establish performance metrics that encourage excellence.

This time of great change is also a time of great potential. The Centers of Excellence help us make the most of a remarkable opportunity to strengthen the understanding of the purpose, mission and values of Catholic schools; to ensure young people deepen their faith and live the teachings of the Church; and to generate continuing revenue to help provide affordable education to all.

The \$6,850,000 *Catholic Schools Centers of Excellence Fund* will help the Archdiocese of Milwaukee shape its strategic vision and plan for Catholic education in the 21st century.

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