



THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

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Dear Friends of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Kalamazoo:

I am writing to inform you that we are beginning the process of creating a new Strategic Plan for our Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Kalamazoo that will guide our schools for the next three-to-five years. We are inviting you to be part of the process by attending a Focus Group in your area within the next few weeks.

The purpose of these groups will be to gather input from constituents in four major areas. These areas include our Catholic Identity, Academic Excellence, Governance and Institutional Vitality.

We have scheduled four sessions, one in each of the major population areas of our diocese:

- **Monday April 23rd** at St. Joseph Elementary School in Battle Creek
- **Tuesday April 24th** at Lake Michigan Catholic High School in St. Joseph (in the Rose Center)
- **Wednesday April 25th** at St. Margaret's School in Otsego (in the McGuire Room)
- **Tuesday May 1st** at St. Augustine Cathedral School in Kalamazoo (in the Fr. Crowley Center gymnasium)

All focus group sessions are scheduled to last about ninety minutes, each beginning at 7:00 PM and ending about 8:30 PM. The agenda for each meeting is as follows:

- Welcome and prayer
- Overview of the planning process
- Explanation of the four standards around which we are building our Strategic Plan
- Opportunity for attendees to give input on each of the four standards
- De-briefing and next steps
- Adjournment

We hope you will take the opportunity to join us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at merich@diokzoo.org or 269-903-0165.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Margaret Erich'.

Margaret Erich
Superintendent of Schools
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