



## DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

### Catholic Schools Office Communication

I am Melissa Kasmeier and was recently named Superintendent of Schools for the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth. I have been an educator for 27 years, thirteen of those in the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth where I have served as a Principal, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Operating Officer for Schools, and currently Superintendent. Additionally, I am serving as the Principal at Holy Family Catholic School. As a parent of three daughters, I have been a Catholic school parent in the diocese for the last 14 years. I am passionate about Catholic education and firmly believe that it is a gift that yields lifelong dividends. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and God's grace, I will lead by example during this time of leadership transition.

Under my leadership, I want you to know the mission of the Catholic Schools Office in the Diocese of Fort Worth. Our purpose is to inspire and support Catholic educators so that together we can form authentic disciples of Christ through the cultivation of wisdom and virtue to do His will on Earth.

We will accomplish this purpose through these objectives:

1. Ensure that our schools are grounded in the life changing perspective of a Catholic Worldview.
2. Work collaboratively with all parishes in our Diocese for support of our Catholic schools so that we can provide affordable education for any Catholic family who wants their child to attend a Catholic school while attracting faith-filled, mission-driven educators through competitive salaries and an authentically Catholic environment.
3. Provide a school environment that cultivates wisdom and virtue through a traditional Catholic education so that our students are prepared to change the world.

Catholic education supports parents as the primary educators of their children, and we want to partner with you in their formation. I ask that you prayerfully consider becoming part of a great opportunity that lies ahead for our students when they are introduced to the life changing person of Jesus Christ. We live in a world that has lost its bearings and its self-destructive secular views bear the fruit of isolation and despair in our youth. With your help, we can build a community who knows true hope and can change the world one child at a time. I am humbled and thankful to God for entrusting me with this great responsibility and ask for your prayers as together we embark on an exciting adventure, fully entrusting ourselves to a loving God who wants His world back.

As we draw closer to Him during this Advent season, we are reminded of the many blessings and gifts with which God has blessed us. Let us remember that the greatest gift is indeed the gift of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to 2024 with Joy. God bless.

Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, Pray for Us!

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