



June 3, 2025

Dear Principal Spaeth:

I am pleased to be able to inform you and the Holy Angels Catholic School community that the school has been awarded the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Exemplary Recognition in the category of Whole Student Education. This designation is valid for five (5) years. The Office for Schools will contact you in early August to designate a time when we will officially present the award to your school community.

You are free to communicate this Exemplary Designation to your community upon receipt of this letter.

Holy Angels Catholic School clearly demonstrated to the visiting team a strong commitment to integrating faith, academics, and student well-being in a holistic and mission-driven manner. Highlights of your outstanding work include:

- **Parent Engagement and Community Collaboration**
The school's inclusive afterschool programs and Future Problem Solvers initiative showcase a dedication to fostering meaningful partnerships among families, students, and parish life.
- **Integrated Support Services**
The effective use of Title Funds—especially Title IV—and the dual role of the counselor/librarian reflects innovative resourcefulness. The school's disciplinary framework and faith-based wellness programming further reinforce student development.
- **Holistic Use of Data**
While data tracking is in progress, the school's commitment to making program outcomes more visible shows a forward-thinking approach to transparency and improvement.
- **Technology and Catholic Teaching**
The school's integration of digital citizenship and Catholic values—seen in projects like 8th grade genetics and 6th grade social media lessons—reflects a modern yet mission-rooted curriculum.
- **Rich Co-Curricular Offerings**
Intramurals, club opportunities, a spring musical, student leadership programs, and dances with other parishes create vibrant opportunities for student growth beyond the classroom.
- **Supportive and Innovative Instruction**
Practices such as differentiated instruction and targeted PD from CESA demonstrate the school's commitment to meeting diverse student needs, including those identified as gifted.
- **Faculty Formation and Faith Integration**
Weekly collaboration among teams, trauma-informed practices, and integration of Catholic identity through visual arts and religious instruction enhance both school culture and student formation.

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- **Leadership and Mission Alignment**

The evident presence and support of your pastor, staff unity, and strong parish collaboration contribute to a unified vision of Catholic education.

The visiting team provides the following considerations for areas of improvement:

- **Visibility and Use of Student Data**

Recommendation: Build a more systematic and transparent framework for collecting, analyzing, and using student and programmatic data—particularly in showing how it informs decisions and supports improvement.

- **Technology and Catholic Teaching (AI and Parent Outreach)**

Recommendation: Clarify and strengthen the school's response to emerging technology issues, especially AI. Provide structured outreach to parents on digital citizenship, Catholic teaching on technology use, and student learning tools.

- **Ethical and Catholic Integration into Professional Technology Use**

Recommendation: Strengthen the intentional reflection and integration of Catholic social teaching and ethical decision-making into both student and staff technology practices, particularly as part of service learning and professional conduct.

- **Differentiated Instruction for All Learners**

Recommendation: While differentiated instruction is in place, expand documentation or implementation of inclusive practices for students with special learning needs and ensure these strategies are consistently applied schoolwide.

- **Expanded Integration of Faith Across Curriculum**

Recommendation: Continue to deepen the faith and academic integration, especially in subject areas where Scripture and Catholic intellectual tradition may not yet be as visible or fully integrated.

Congratulations!! You, your faculty and staff, and the whole Holy Angels community have much to be proud of. The dedication to nurturing the intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual growth of each student is inspiring. May the good work you are doing continue to flourish in service to the Gospel.

With Respect,



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