



An Invitation to Consider Catholic Secondary School Education

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As the State of Michigan wrestles with difficult economic decisions, including cutting millions from public education, Grand Rapids' Catholic Secondary Schools continue to offer thorough and sound intellectual formation by expert faculties in a faith-based setting for less cost-per-student. The results:

- Our graduates average a full point or more higher on the ACT compared to their peers at state colleges and universities
- Our students account for nearly 15% of the area's National Merit Semi-Finalists
- College scholarships and awards to the graduating classes over the past five years average over \$5 million
- 97% of our graduates go on to college, are accepted into their majors, and graduate in less than five years (depending on their program).
- Our bands and choirs consistently receive first division ratings at district and state competitions
- Our students have provided service in Haiti, Latin America, Africa, Appalachia and Grand Rapids
- Within the past three years, six graduates have entered seminary or convent
- Our sports teams have achieved five state title appearances and **four titles** in the past 12 months

If you're interested in having your son or daughter join a community of students from five counties, 21 school districts, and 31 communities all desiring to effect real change in the world, Catholic Central or West Catholic may be the right choice.

Your student will experience a combined interdisciplinary study with practical problem-solving skills. He or she will gain new perspectives that come from Catholic theology and a Catholic intellectual tradition that is thousands of years old. Our unique locations and history enrich all of our offerings, from innovative courses like pre-engineering and research, to the performing arts and athletics. Our dynamic faculty provides training within the context of personal attention that is unmatched. Care is given to the development of the imaginative, emotional and creative dimensions of every student in all courses of study.

Now more than ever, there is no better place to attend high school than at Catholic Central or West Catholic. That's why I invite you to accept my personal invitation to visit and learn more about us. For an appointment at Catholic Central call (616) 233-5816. Or phone West Catholic at (616) 233-5918. We are enrolling students now for the 2011-12 school year.

Sincerely,

Thomas Maj
Principal
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West Catholic High School