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***"Let it be known to all who enter here that Jesus Christ is the reason for this school, the unseen but ever-present teacher in all its classes, the model of its faculty, and the inspiration for its students."***

Within the Diocese of Lansing, our Catholic schools partner with parents, the primary educators of their children, to provide an environment that teaches the whole child to be successful in this world and the next. Our teachers, principals, and staffs are committed to providing rigorous academics in a Catholic culture where children can grow in knowledge and faith.

In order to maintain high academic standards, the Office of Education and Catechesis, along with content-rich teachers, principals, and K-12 curriculum specialists engage in on-going research and review of standards process and instructional best practices. This process follows at least a year of study for each content area (mathematics, science, religion, social studies, and English Language Arts). While we do not follow Common Core standards developed by the public sector, the Lansing Diocese continues its legacy of excellence by ensuring our set of standards is rigorous and relevant. The ultimate goal is to graduate students that are missionary disciples of Jesus Christ, who know Him and are prepared to bring the light of the Gospel to the world. This focus ensures that students are college and career ready to defend their faith.

In the past year, the Cardinal Newman Society has promulgated K-12 Catholic Curriculum Standards to assist us with full faith integration in subjects that are generically taught without that component elsewhere. These standards now are a part of the foundation upon which research-based diocesan content standards are taught.

(To learn more, visit [www.cardinalnewmansociety.org](http://www.cardinalnewmansociety.org))

Curriculum development of diocesan standards is continually in draft form as we grow in knowledge of our students' progress through formative and summative assessments. Please watch here (<https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/education/catholic-school-curriculum>) for standards that guide teachers' instruction of your child.

Parents bless our schools by entrusting their most precious God-given possession to our care. We take that responsibility, and that directed by Him, seriously. Please pray for our continued success in meeting this charge and for the students in the Diocese of Lansing.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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For specific information, contact your local Catholic school to meet the principal and learn more about the opportunities of success for your child.