



CatholicLink

End of Year Summary



CatholicLink partner schools provided a breath of **faith** by offering **face-to-face instruction** for all or most of the school year!



Our partner schools saw **enrollment growth** this year and are projecting **more growth for next year!**



CatholicLink assisted by **bringing partners together** to share innovative solutions, offer collaborative conversation and provide faith-focused support.

"Growing vibrant Catholic schools"

CatholicLink Partner Presidents:

- Dr. Tom Kiely, NDA
- Mrs. Kim Desotell, GRACE
- Dr. Brian Bruess, SNC



"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

- Matthew 18:20



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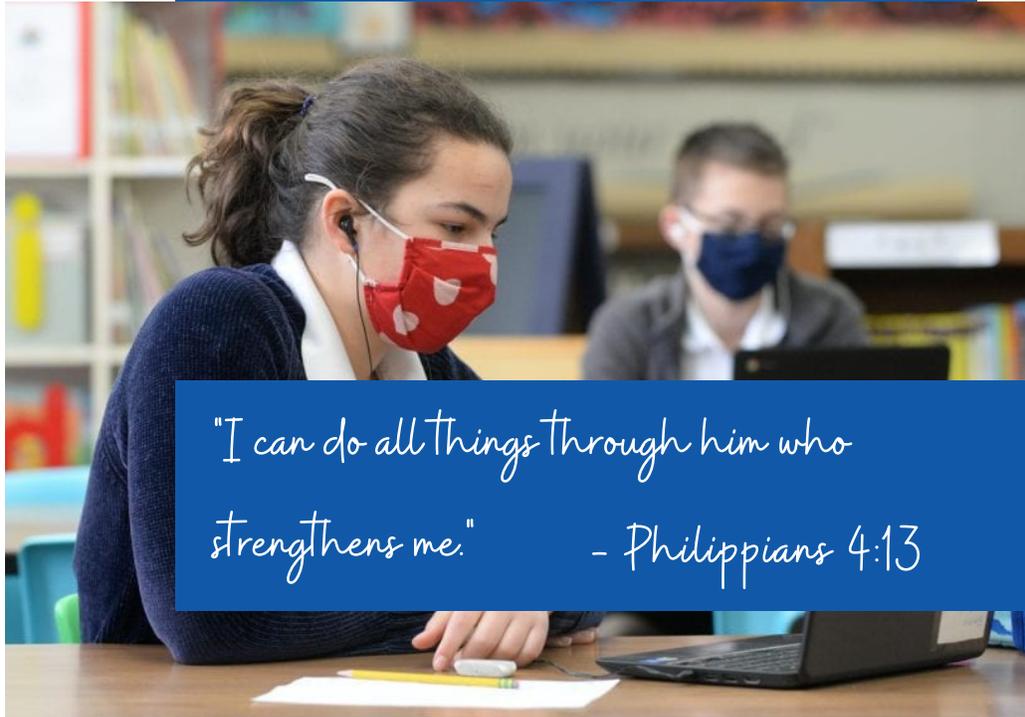


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Middle School Student Leadership Academy

Inspiring young leaders for today and tomorrow.

CatholicLink partnered with Notre Dame de la Baie Academy and Cardinal Gibbons High School in Raleigh, North Carolina to pilot a Middle School Leadership Conference for GRACE School System students at Holy Family and Our Lady of Lourdes. The February conference grew student leadership understanding and skills. CatholicLink will expand the program for the upcoming year.



"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13



"I can become a leader!"

"We all have our own unique way to be a leader. We can change the world by our actions."

"Being a great leader means to be the best person you can be for others."

"I would totally suggest going to this Leadership Conference. We learned so many things that will help us and so many things that will help others."

"To be a leader, you need to take responsibility while also listening to other's ideas."

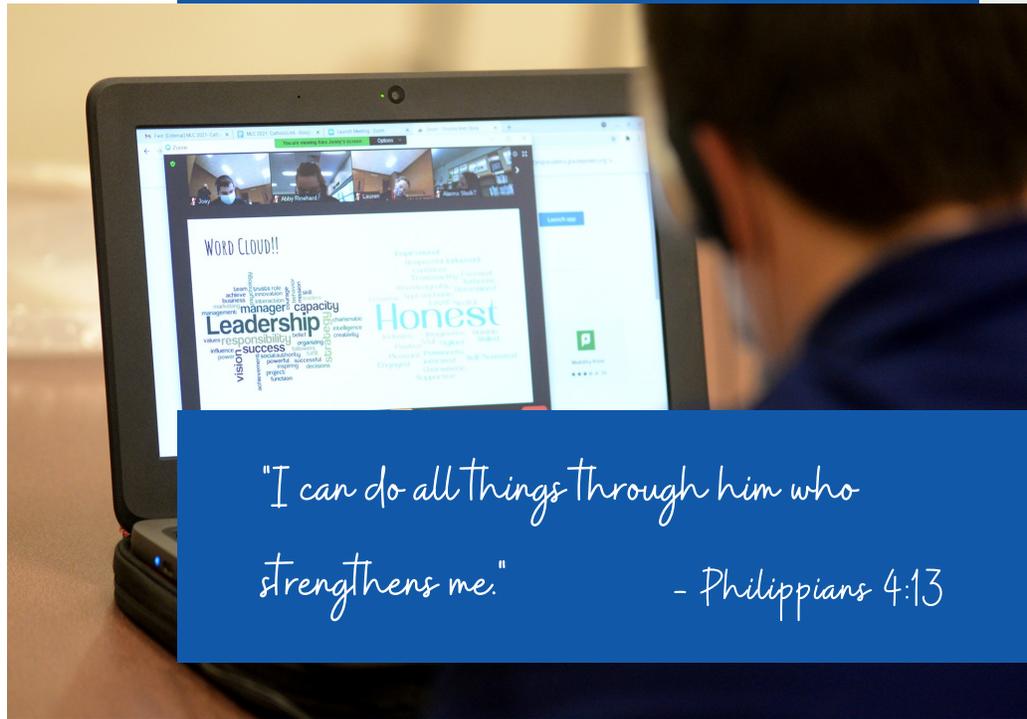
"You don't have to be bossy or in charge to be a good leader."



CatholicLink High School Student Leadership Academy

Build leadership, networking,
and communication skills.

CatholicLink launched an exciting event, a National High School Leadership Conference! 62 participants from across the country came together virtually on Saturday, April 17 to grow their leadership skills. Students from St. Norbert College, Notre Dame Academy, Xavier, Roncalli, Catholic Central, St. Catherine's and Cardinal Gibbons spent the day learning, reflecting, collaborating, and mentoring.



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- Philippians 4:13

"This is an experience I will never forget :)"

"Everyone has the potential and everyone can be a leader if they are willing to put in the time and effort."

"It would have been a good thing for my whole school to have heard."

"Sometimes you have to go out of your comfort zone in order to become a better leader."

"Being a leader is not about being above everyone else but instead putting everyone above yourself."

"Taking leadership is not to gain power, but it's to influence the group in a positive way."

"It was really awesome and it would be really cool in the future if there were more schools and even if it could be in person."



CatholicLink Award

"By coming together in dialogue we are finding ways to help one another in providing exceptional, faith-based, educational experiences for our students."

On May 24, Kim Desotell, President, GRACE School System; Tom Kiely, President, Notre Dame Academy; Brian Bruess, President, St. Norbert College; and Mary Schaupp, Executive Director, CatholicLink had the honor of presenting the CatholicLink Award to two outstanding teachers in the GRACE School System.

The CatholicLink Award provides a \$5,000 grant to St. Norbert College education graduates after a three year commitment teaching at a CatholicLink partner school. This year we are delighted to present the CatholicLink Award to Fiona Hehir, SNC '18, from St. Bernard Catholic School and Ruby Hernandez, SNC '17, from St. Thomas More Catholic School.



Ruby Hernandez

Ruby Hernandez is a humble and compassionate teacher who cares deeply about all of the students and families at St. Thomas More School. Not only is Ruby a hard-working and dedicated first-grade teacher, but she is also a leader in her home Parish and the community. Ruby is a faithful follower of Jesus and advocates for her students, families, and the Hispanic community in general. Ruby continues to pursue her Bilingual/Bicultural teaching license and is a vital member of St. Thomas More.



Fiona Hehir

Fiona Hehir is a vibrant, caring, and focused individual who has made a strong imprint in our 5th-grade experience here at St. Bernard Catholic School. Fiona enjoys soccer, family, friends, and her dog Paisley. One of the qualities that stands out the most is her perseverance. There are not many challenges that she is not willing to try and try again. She will do so until she is satisfied with the outcome. As a person with faith ingrained in her upbringing, she is able to interweave faith naturally into her classroom and with her students.





CatholicLink Leadership Academy

*Growing strong leaders and teams
That are changing
minds, hearts and lives.*

The CatholicLink Leadership Academy is preparing for the next cohort! This intensive, faith-filled, and community-building program will resume in August with teams from partner and Diocesan schools.

Participants from the first cohort cited the CatholicLink Leadership Academy as a key component of their success and personal growth and will serve as mentors for the upcoming cohort.

All are excited to journey together in faith and leadership!



*"Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly
with your God."
- Micah 6:8*

*"This may be better than any
leadership program across the
country!"*

*"This journey
was a big part of
my success."*

*"This program renewed my
passion for education!"*

*"I feel truly
connected to a
community that
helps me grow!"*

Coming next!

An easy and effective way for Catholic schools to spread the tremendous value of a Catholic education.

CatholicLink
Playbook



World class Catholic education
in the Greater Green Bay area.



CatholicLink is an innovative, preschool-through-college partnership of the Green Bay Area Catholic Education (GRACE) school system, Notre Dame Academy and St. Norbert College, with the mission of attaining world-class Catholic education in the greater Green Bay area.