



**Diocese of Gary
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Diocese of Gary Catholic Schools Earn Cognia System Accreditation

Merrillville (Sep. 29) – The Office of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Gary announced today that it has earned system-wide accreditation by Cognia™, a nonprofit organization that provides quality assurance for schools, school districts, and education service providers.

“The system-wide accreditation of our Catholic Schools reaffirms that we have passionate principals and teachers who inspire vibrant and excellent schools,” said the Most Rev. Robert J. McClory, Bishop of Gary. “We continue to see growth in all our schools, as families see the value of Catholic education. Many utilize the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program. I am grateful for the dedication shown by pastors and parishes that are committed to a strong Catholic identity as we form the child in knowledge, faith, and service.”

Cognia, formerly AdvancED, nationally recognizes districts meeting rigorous standards that focus on productive learning environments, equitable resource allocation which meet the needs of learners, and effective leadership. Earning accreditation from the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission means that all the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Gary are accredited and recognized across the nation as a school system that meets the Cognia Standards of Quality and maintains a commitment to continuous improvement.

“Accreditation as conferred by the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission affirms that each one of our schools are nationally recognized for the quality of the educational institution,” remarked Dr. Joseph Majchrowicz, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Gary. “It demonstrates our commitment to excellence, our openness to external review and feedback, and our desire to be the best we can be on behalf of the students we serve.”

To earn accreditation from Cognia, a school district must implement a continuous process of improvement and submit to internal and external review. School systems in good standing can maintain their accreditation for a five-year term.

Dr. Mark A. Elgart, president and CEO of Cognia, stated, “Cognia System Accreditation is a rigorous process that focuses the entire school system and its community on the primary goal of preparing lifelong learners in engaging environments where all students can flourish. The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Gary are to be commended for demonstrating high standards and for making progress on key indicators that impact student learning.”

Cognia is the parent organization of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). Parents and interested community members can learn more about the Cognia Accreditation at cognia.org.

About the Diocese of Gary

The Diocese of Gary is home to an estimated 170,000 Catholics who are served through 66 parishes in Lake, Porter, LaPorte and Starke counties. The diocese has three Catholic high schools and 17 parish elementary schools. Learn more at dgary.org.

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School photographs feature the 2022 blue-ribbon award-winning school (St. Paul, Valparaiso). They are available for review and download at: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjA9brf>