



August 9, 2019

Dear Catholic Schools Community,

As we continue to make the most of this beautiful summer, I hope that you have found time to rest and enjoy family and friends. By way of this letter, I wish to share with you that I have accepted the position of Executive Director of Alumni Relations and Development at the Aquinas Institute of Rochester, and will conclude my service as Superintendent of Catholic Schools, effective September 6, 2019.

In my six years as Superintendent, I have traveled throughout our 12-county Diocese connecting with people from our parishes and Catholic schools. If I was fortunate to meet you, thank you for the time you spent with me, as every interaction was important to the growth of our schools. The students, families, teachers, principals, and staff are remarkable gifts from God. In reflecting on the 15 years I have dedicated to Catholic education, I am grateful for the collaboration and enthusiasm of our school communities. I am pleased that I will continue to serve and support Catholic education in this new role.

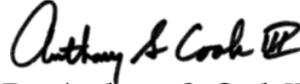
With the unwavering support of The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester, we have accomplished many milestones, especially Middle States Accreditation, increased proficiency rates in Mathematics and English Language Arts, and a more unified system of Catholic schools. Yet, my favorite and most enduring memories are the moments spent in classrooms interacting with our students, marveling at their deep faith, boundless intelligence, and impeccable character. My service to you as Superintendent is one of the highest honors of my professional career.

Beginning on September 6th, Mr. James Tauzel, currently the Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction for the Diocese of Rochester, will serve as Interim Superintendent of Catholic Schools. Mr. Tauzel possesses a Master of Education in Educational Administration from the University of Texas-Pan American and a Bachelor of Science from Cornell University. He brings experiences as a Principal at All Saints Academy in Corning and Saint Joseph School in Auburn, while recently working at the Department of Catholic Schools. Mr. Tauzel is an excellent choice to lead our schools in this capacity.

As an Aquinas alumnus and former teacher, my family and I look forward to this new chapter in our lives. Thank you for the opportunity to faithfully minister to you and our Catholic schools.

Assuring you of my prayers and requesting a remembrance in your prayers, I remain, with warm regards,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony S. Cook III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a stylized "C".

Dr. Anthony S. Cook III
Superintendent of Catholic Schools