MISSION STATEMENT

In light of Church documents, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Reno, in partnership with parents, are committed to fostering gospel values, academic excellence and lifelong service in a faith-centered community.

And the Good News is…

Catholic Schools Week essays convey so much to appreciate from the students we serve!

I believe that in order to excel in life and be a servant to others you have to have faith.

God is always with us, in our minds and hearts.

The lessons I’ve learned from Catholic education will make me a successful person who will shape a bright future for myself and teach others faith in God, excellence in work, and service to their community.

Going to Catholic school is a blessing in disguise... Catholic school gets you ready for the rest of your life.

My language arts teacher always knows how to bring a smile to our faces.

Catholic School will guide me through the ups and downs that I will face in the future.

My school teaches us how to serve others and it gives us faith, both in God and in ourselves. The teachers and staff bring joy and knowledge, whereas the kids bring hope.

Catholic education is something that we take for granted, even though we may just be the luckiest children to have this great opportunity.

My Catholic education made becoming an excellent student seem easy!

Despite the challenging courses I take, I know that the teachers will do everything in their power to help me and the other students be successful, both in our academic and non-academic pursuits.

In conclusion, going to a Catholic school is a privilege that will continue to benefit me throughout my whole life... It has developed me as a student and given me the skills to succeed in high school... I am filled with the light of God, and I have the courage to share that with others.
Thank you to our administrators and faculty members for supporting Catholic Schools Week through the essay and poster contests. Thank you to our students who entered our contest. And, thank you to our judges for their work in supporting Catholic Schools Week. The essays and posters inspire us!
Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to inform you that all schools in the Diocese of Reno have access to SafeVoice. This program gives students, parents, and faculty throughout Nevada the ability to anonymously report threats to the safety or well-being of students. SafeVoice was established by the Nevada Department of Education to protect student wellness, prevent violence and save lives.

In partnership with the Nevada Department of Public Safety, the SafeVoice program provides students a safe place to submit tips concerning their own safety or that of others. A fully trained professional team of experts responds in an appropriate manner 24/7/365. Tips always stay anonymous.

The Diocese of Reno recognizes that parents are the primary educators of their children. As Catholic schools, we are guided by gospel values that honor the inherent dignity of every human being. Implementing SafeVoice in our schools acknowledges that dignity by providing another means for us to work together to ensure the safety of our students.

As we continue to partner with you, our hope is that your children will talk directly to you first. Students are also encouraged to talk with faculty and staff. SafeVoice is another option as we all continue to cope with the social and emotional needs of children and others in our school community.

For more information, this is a link to the SafeVoice website: http://safevoicenv.org/ You can also contact the principal of your child’s school for additional information.
The Diocese of Reno is committed to the safety of our children and vulnerable adults. We are in full compliance with the Dallas Charter and remain diligent in maintaining this compliance.

Through the "Protecting God's Children" program we train people to be more aware of how to protect children and vulnerable adults, and also the possible warning signs of abuse and neglect.

Each year all children within our Religious Education programs and within our schools are provided the opportunity to participate in Empowering God's Children. Together, all of us can help to create safe environments in our parish, schools, facilities and even beyond.

To register for a background check and also take an online Protecting God’s Children Awareness Session, visit our website: https://renodiocese.org/safe-environment/. During COVID-19 restrictions live training is postponed.

If you have already completed the required reading of 24 bulletins and taken the recertification review, it might be interesting for you to know about new information and continue to read bulletins.

For additional information or to access recent bulletins, please contact Elda Juarez at (775) 326-9445 or email her at eldaj@catholicreno.org
The NCEA Board of Directors is pleased to announce Lincoln Snyder as president/CEO of NCEA effective July 1, 2021. Interim president/CEO, Kathy Mears, will continue in that role until Mr. Snyder assumes the role in July. Ms. Mears will resume her position as NCEA Chief Program Officer. Prior to his appointment at NCEA, Mr. Snyder has served as the superintendent and executive director of schools for the Diocese of Sacramento since 2015. He has been the chair of the California Catholic Schools Superintendents Conference since 2019. Before his assignment as superintendent, he was a teacher and board chair at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento. Mr. Snyder also has served as vice chair of the NCEA NSBECS Council (NNC) and has been a member of several Catholic school boards.
Every year around St. Patrick’s Day, the St. Baldrick’s Foundation facilitates “Shave for the Brave” fundraisers to help donate money for childhood cancer research. To spread awareness and raise funds, many people participate in shaving events, and this year, Peter Wallstrum participated as well.

Mr. Wallstrum is Bishop Manogue’s IT Administrator and Assistant Soccer Coach. He fundraised through St. Baldrick’s this year. His goal was to raise $200, but incredible members of our community helped to donate an astounding $1,600! Thank you so much to everyone who donated.

Mr. Wallstrum dedicated this fundraising event to his niece, Eliana, and to Miner alum and past soccer player Katie Histing ('19). Katie was the one to shave Mr. Wallstrum’s head on the soccer field during a game on Saturday, March 13. The entire soccer team and their families came out to support this, and it was a wonderful experience!

We are rooting for you and love you, Katie! Thank you to Mr. Wallstrum and everyone who helped make this event so special.
Stations of the Cross

Performed by
St. Teresa of Avila 8th Graders
The 40-day Lenten Season at Our Lady of the Snows School includes the following service projects, special events and prayerful reflections:

**Ash Wednesday**: School Mass and distribution of ashes

**St. Patrick’s Day**: Students are bringing in a can of food in exchange for “green free dress” to celebrate St. Patrick’s day.

**Lent Calendar of Kindness**: The Calendar of Kindness is a school-wide project sponsored by the Student Council – every day a different act of kindness helps us grow closer to God as we journey together through Lent.

**Lenten Reconciliation Service**: Three Reconciliation services will be held for students and offer them the gift of grace, a way to God, and a way back to God. Through self-examination and acknowledging failings through Reconciliation, students commit to making things right with God, with others and with themselves.

**Triduum Retreat**: Unfortunately, we are unable to hold the school-wide retreat the morning of Holy Thursday as we have in the past. Instead, each classroom will do their own version including Stations of the Cross, prayer and an art project. The retreat is designed to give everyone a preview of the Triduum; Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday/Resurrection Sunday.
The season of Lent and our preparation for Easter has begun. During our 40 days of Lent we are praying that all of us, no matter what age, can come before God with all of our hearts.

Because we are concentrating on the sacrifice of Christ, this year our students will be supporting the mission of Little Flower Church by filling up Rice Bowls supplied by the church. With every penny the children are sacrificing for others.

We are also stressing the importance of being involved in our church. Father Paul wants children to be involved in our Mass. We now have altar server classes, arranged by our 5th grade teacher, Roxana Gutierrez, and student readers during Mass.

As always, our 5th graders will be performing the Stations of the Cross. The Stations are a moving remembrance of the Passion of Christ. Through the Stations we contemplate Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It is through our children re-enacting the Stations of the Cross that Christ’s message becomes clear.

Little Flower students wish everyone a happy Easter!
This has been a busy few months at St. Albert the Great Catholic School. We sincerely appreciate all the volunteers and Mr. Bob for his amazing construction skills in creating our plexiglass quadrants in the lower grades.

With the start of the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, we were blessed enough to have Fr. Klekas place ashes on top of our students’ heads as they were dropped off for school and then he went around to each of the classes to make sure that everyone received this amazing sign of our faith! Thank you Fr. Klekas!

Since the 8th graders were unable to perform the Living Stations this year, Ms. Romero assigned groups of 8th graders to read and act out each station which was recorded. This recording was then shared with the school.

We also participated in our annual Easter Basket drive to support Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada. Each grade was assigned items to bring in and those donations were then picked up by Catholic Charities where they were used to fill Easter baskets. The generosity of our community is truly amazing.

Finally, we dedicated the month of March to St. Joseph since his feast day is March 19th. Each Wednesday, Mr. Perry read information about the life of St. Joseph, and then as a school we prayed the Novena Prayer to St. Joseph. On the Friday before spring break, each student in the school was sent home with a craft to do to honor St. Joseph since his feast day was during spring break. With the Pope declaring this the year of St. Joseph, there was no better way we could think of than preparing our hearts for Easter Sunday than following the example of St. Joseph during Lent. A special thank you to Liz Tennant for making this possible.

Our prayer is that your Lenten journey was one that has drawn you closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as you prepare for Easter Sunday and his glorious resurrection.