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 life-long service in a faith-centered community.

As the 20-21 school year comes to an end, I would like to extend my gratitude to the entire Diocese of Reno Catholic School community. Last fall, when the re-opening campus committee made the decision to plan for on-campus learning, we understood that this decision would have a significant impact on school pastors, leadership, faculty and staff. Looking back over the year, I believe that our success is the result of everyone’s concerted effort … an effort well-worth making for those we serve in our ministry!

This effort involved resilience, resourcefulness and commitment to the mission of Catholic education. We persevered by communicating regularly with health authorities and modifying our plans as state and county requirements changed. At all times, we prioritized the safety of those who were in our schools in keeping with our value of respecting life. All of this took time, resources, compassion, and cooperation from our families, and above all, grace.

Our Bishop remains committed to the education of our Catholic school students as well as the health and safety of all those involved in our school system.

We thank all of you who supported us through our challenges this year, especially the parents who trusted us to make the hard decisions necessary to continue to deliver a quality, faith-based education while ensuring the health and safety of all. We value school choice and the ability for parents to choose the educational environment that best meets the needs of their students. Never has the importance of this choice been more critical than this past year.

The opening of schools throughout the nation continues to cause great angst for families and our country. The true cost of COVID-19 for students has yet to be determined. As adults, we can look at COVID-19 with logic and rationale, but even that is challenging after such a long time: our emotions are frazzled. Developmentally, our students are at vastly different ages and stages, and their ability to put all of this in perspective is even more perplexing.

Here, in the Diocese of Reno, we are grateful for the commitment of all our leaders who worked day and night planning, revising and planning again as situations changed. The decisions made were often cumbersome and difficult, and sometimes they were unpopular as well. Through it all, we ensured our priorities remained consistent: safety for all; quality education for students — whether virtual, on-campus or hybrid. As a Catholic community, we pray for an end to COVID-19 and a return to normalcy. We must consistently strive to remember, and remind others, that God gives us hope and promise. He will intercede when we feel frustrated and fatigued and He is our constant source of strength and support.

God bless you and your family this summer!
Good News in Catholic Education-May 2021

The school year is wrapping up at Bishop Manogue, and we are so excited about the events we have been able to plan! Our Miners have been patient and resilient this year, and we are happy to see all of the fun happening at BMCHS!

We want to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped Bishop Manogue celebrate B.A.S.H. 20-21 from Monday, April 26-Friday, April 30! We watched daily videos honoring our unbelievable students, parents, alumni, staff, and community. We held an incredible tuition raffle, online auction, and people from around our Manogue community showed their support with spirit signs in front of the school. If you would like to contribute to supporting tuition assistance, you can visit this website to make a donation:

www.givecampus.com/schools/BishopManogueCatholicHighSchoo/b-a-s-h-2021/

Senior Day was held on the first day of B.A.S.H. Week, and we had a wonderful day celebrating the class of 2021. It was so exciting for our Miners to announce where they’ll be headed after graduation and to reflect on their great memories at Manogue. We are wildly proud of this senior class and wish them the best as they travel to universities across the nation!

We even held prom! The Masquerade was held on May 22 and was a beautiful event. Our Miners pulled out all the stops to make sure this Prom was one to remember.

Graduation is here! We can’t wait to watch the class of 2021 graduate in-person on the football field! These students have faced obstacles with positive attitudes, hope, and strength, and they deserve an amazing celebration of all they have accomplished. Go Miners!

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C O N G R A T S !
Congratulations to St. Teresa of Avila Eighth Grade 2021 Graduates

My wish for you is that this life becomes all that you want it to. Your dreams stay big, your worries stay small and that you never need to carry more than you can hold. — Rascal Flatts
On June 9th, the class of 2021 will be moving on from Our Lady of the Snows. This progression will be marked by a plethora of ceremonies and celebrations. There will be an outside graduation and awards ceremony, diplomas will be distributed, and a special luncheon in their honor will take place in the Parish Center. There will be graduation parties with families and friends to celebrate these students and their passage to high school.

Wherever our graduates choose to pursue their high school education, they will all take certain common experiences and values with them.

This begs the question: What do they take with them from their experience at OLS? When asked this question the 8th grader’s #1 response was, FAITH. This is first and foremost to most of these graduates and speaks volumes about the quality of OLS faculty and Parish clergy. Their faith is something that they will need to call upon, not just moving on to high school, but for all their adult lives. They also value what they have learned about the importance of service, not just from doing for others, but also the personal gratification gained from performing acts of service. They value the friendships they have made at Snows, where they have experienced a feeling of family.

As these graduates look toward their next phase as high school students, they anticipate and even welcome new challenges, as they feel they have been well prepared to face them. They are anxious to meet new friends and have new experiences. They are excited to have the opportunity to experience growth both academically and personally. Wherever they go in their high school lives, they want to continue to grow in their faith and to utilize that faith to guide them to success in their high school careers and beyond.
Trustey Family STEM Teaching Fellows Press Release

Little Flower Catholic School is proud to announce the selection of three teachers, Roxana Gutierrez, Shannon Garner, Annie DiLoreto, as Fellows in the 2021 cohort of the Trustey Family STEM Teaching Fellows. These teachers were selected as one of 8 schools in the program’s sixth cohort and will join over 150 teachers from the program’s first five cohorts.

The Trustey Family STEM Teaching Fellows is a competitive, three summer, two school year program that seeks to improve STEM teaching and learning for all students, especially underserved populations in STEM. Fellows will attend three Summer Institutes at the University of Notre Dame, beginning in July 2021. Throughout the school year they will receive content specific coaching for their instructional practice and targeted support as they expand access to and opportunities for STEM learning in their school.

The Trustey Family STEM Teaching Fellows is sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Center for STEM Education, housed in the Institute for Educational Initiatives at the University of Notre Dame. The Center for STEM Education’s mission seeks to make STEM Education a force for good by helping all students, especially those underserved and in Catholic schools, engage and excel in the STEM disciplines through research and the translation of research into practice.
After 49 years in education, I am retiring from this very special occupation. One of the best decisions I have ever made was to become a teacher. I am so fortunate that I will be ending my years as principal of Little Flower Catholic School and this faculty and the students will always have my heart and my love. I have a deep regard for the parents of Little Flower and the sacrifices they are making to educate their children in one of the best schools I have ever been associated with. My prayers will always be with this school.
Annie DiLoreto

St. Therese of Little Flower spoke of doing small things with great love. My goal as the new principal of Little Flower School is to follow in St. Therese footsteps and treat each of our students as ‘little flowers of Jesus’.

I am no stranger to the Little Flower Catholic School Community. What follows is a bit of background for those of you who do not know me. I attended Galena High School and then went to the University of Nevada, Reno where I studied elementary education and also played soccer for the Wolf Pack.

My passion is to ‘make a difference’ and teaching is a perfect avenue to practice that ideal. I have been involved in education for 15 years. I have my Bachelor’s degree in General Education K-6, and Special Education K-12. I also hold a Master of Education - Administration degree and recently received my Certificate of Completion in Catholic School Administration from LMU.

Another one of my passions is coaching. I started my coaching journey as an assistant basketball coach at Galena High School. I have coached for close to 20 years, including being an assistant high school basketball coach, a youth soccer coach, and coaching boys and girls varsity high school soccer.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family. My husband, Danny, and I have three wonderful children. Two of my little ones are Little Flower Colts while my third is enjoying his time at preschool.

I am so excited to start this new journey at Little Flower Catholic School. This community is a gem and I am thankful and appreciative that I get to be a part of the community. I will strive to be an exemplary steward of “Know the Way, Show the Way, and Go the Way”.

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“The best remedy for those who are frightened, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be alone with the sky, nature and God. For only then can you feel that everything is as it should be and that God wants people to be happy amid nature’s beauty and simplicity.” —Anne Frank.

Graduation is fast approaching. On Friday, June 4, we will watch 50-8th graders process down the aisle in Little Flower Catholic Church to receive their diplomas. All attending, including parents, grandparents, and teachers will be thinking of the time when these 8th graders were little and just starting their education. 2020-2021 has been a completely different year for our 8th graders. We haven’t been able to have our normal activities, but our 50 students have been in their classrooms every day for the entire year and every day I’m thankful for the phenomenal support Little Flower School has received from all of our parents.

Our 8th graders are ready for the world outside of Little Flower. Hopefully, LFS has prepared them to feel that “everything is as it should be and that God wants people to be happy amid nature’s beauty and simplicity.”
Hello, my name is David Kearney and I am blessed to be the new principal of St. Albert the Great Catholic School starting July 1, 2021. I love my Catholic faith. I have been involved with the Diocese of Reno since my college days at the Newman Center and then working in youth ministry with my wife for over a decade at both St. Alberts and St. Robert Bellarmine in Fernley. My wife, daughter and I currently reside in Fernley, where we serve the Church through being proclaimers of the Word and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

My journey in Catholic education started 23 years ago after I graduated from UNR and was hired at St. Alberts to teach math and science. I then moved on to teach at Bishop Manogue Catholic High School where I taught math and finally, I returned home to St. Alberts where I have been teaching math and religion, along with being vice principal this year. Overall, I have spent 15 years teaching at St. Alberts and 8 years at Bishop Manogue. My wife and I were married at St. Alberts in 2000, and my daughter is currently in the 4th grade here at the school. So, when I say I returned home, this school and its community is my home.

I am excited to work with the amazing staff at St. Alberts in my new capacity as principal. This group of professionals is dedicated, hardworking, and so committed to this school and all its stakeholders. My goal as principal is very simple and comes down to one question; How can I help? How can I help and support our staff, students, and parents? How can I help continue the tradition of excellent faith-based education at the school? How can I help grow the school and face the challenges that each new year brings? How can I help our school, myself, and the community that we serve and interact with to see God’s light through our service and love for one another?

As I begin this new endeavor, I ask that you pray for me.

In Christ,

David Kearney
It is hard to believe that the end of the year is upon us. What a year it has been, full of challenges and opportunities, triumphs, and setbacks but most noticeably the ability to rise up and succeed through faith and perseverance. So, this month we celebrate our graduating 8th graders.

We started celebrating our 8th graders in the month of May with 8th grade lunches provided by parents in the class. They have also had a chance to enjoy some 8th grade only field trips to see the movie Triumph and will go on a day hike with our esteemed principal, Mr. Perry. They will also gather one last time for an 8th grade BBQ on June 7th.

We will kick off our graduation activities on June 2nd at mass when the 8th graders pass their “lights” to the 7th graders who will take up the mantle of leadership for next year. Then on June 8th we will have our 8th grade graduation mass and ceremony in the church followed by a luncheon for the graduates and their parents.

As we say good-bye to the class of 2021, we look forward to their future endeavors at the various high schools they will be attending. We know that they will do great things in the next four years and beyond.
United States Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2020-2021

176 Catholic Dioceses With Catholic Schools

**Highlights**

**Total Enrollment in Catholic Schools**
- 1,626,291
  - Elementary/middle schools: 1,103,626
  - Secondary schools: 522,665

**Student Diversity**
- 21.2% racial minorities
- 18.1% hispanic/latino
- 6.1% unknown

**Non-Catholic Enrollment**
- 320,330
  - 19.7% of the total enrollment

**Catholic Schools**
- 5,981
  - Elementary: 4,812
  - Secondary: 1,169

**New Schools Opened**
- 17
- 209 consolidated or closed
- 2,374 schools have a waiting list for admission

**Coeducational Schools**
- 98.7% elementary
- 70.7% secondary
- Male: 12.7%
- Female: 16.6%

**Largest Dioceses by Enrollment**
- Los Angeles
- Chicago
- Philadelphia
- New York
- Cincinnati
- Cleveland
- St. Louis
- New Orleans
- Miami
- Brooklyn

**Full-Time Equivalent Professional Staff Numbered**
- 142,977
  - 97.7%: Laity
    - Lay women: 75.0%
    - Lay men: 22.7%
  - 2.3%: Religious/Clergy
    - Sisters: 1.4%
    - Brothers: 0.3%
    - Clergy: 0.6%

The student/teacher ratio is 11:1.

Twenty-nine states and the District of Columbia have legislation that provides some form of financial assistance to parents to help them choose a private or faith-based education for their children. Based on the average public school per pupil cost of $12,756 Catholic schools provide more than 22 billion dollars a year savings for the nation.
Check out the new homepage on Virtus.org after you sign in to your account! It is very user friendly and easy to navigate.

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?

For additional information or to access recent bulletins, please contact Elda Juarez at (775) 326-9445 or email her at eldaj@catholicreno.org
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.