

A decorative border surrounds the text, featuring various autumn-themed elements. At the top, there are orange and yellow leaves and a large orange pumpkin. On the left side, there are red and orange leaves, a yellow pumpkin, and a cluster of red berries. On the right side, there are orange and red leaves and a large red pumpkin. At the bottom, there are orange and yellow leaves, a large orange pumpkin, and a cluster of red berries.

Dear Faculty, Staff and Families,

As we settle into the school year, the breathtaking beauty of the remarkable fall weather we've enjoyed this past month serves as a powerful reminder of the Lord's majesty. Thanksgiving calls us to reflect on the importance of gratitude, and I want to take this opportunity to express how deeply appreciative I am for each of you. Your partnership in nurturing a community of schools rooted in faith and the teachings of Christ is invaluable. Together, we are building disciples who embody love, compassion, and service.

To our dedicated faculty and staff, your commitment, hard work and compassion do not go unnoticed. Your daily efforts to inspire, educate, and uplift our students shape not only their futures but also the spirit of our diocesan schools. Your support for each child's growth—academically, spiritually and emotionally—creates a foundation of hope and possibility. Thank you for your resilience, creativity and the joy you bring to your classrooms every day!

To our families, your involvement, encouragement and support are the pillars that enable us to build a thriving, faith-filled learning environment for your children. By walking this journey with us, you help to create a nurturing community where each child feels loved, valued and capable of achieving their full potential. We are blessed by your presence and all the many ways you contribute to the life of our schools.

In this season of Thanksgiving, let us remember the power of gratitude to bring us together, renew our spirits, and guide us forward. May your holiday be filled with warmth, love, and the blessings of family and friends.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Bishop".

Donna Bishop, ED.S
Superintendent of Schools



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
DIOCESE of DES MOINES