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News Release

Diocese announces major restructuring to strengthen Catholic Schools in Kalamazoo County

KALAMAZOO, MI (February 2, 2026): The Diocese of Kalamazoo announced a major restructuring in governance as part of a strategic plan for the four Catholic schools in Kalamazoo County: Light of Christ Academy, Augusta; St. Augustine Cathedral School, Kalamazoo; St. Monica School, Kalamazoo (all three preschool through eighth grade); and Hackett Catholic Prep (high school), Kalamazoo. The announcement was made today by the Most Reverend Edward M. Lohse, Bishop of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. The four schools will become part of a newly created consolidated school system for Catholic schools in Kalamazoo County. The new structure, sponsored by the diocese, will take effect March 1, 2026.

"We are building for the future," said Bishop Lohse during this morning's press conference. "As we renew our commitment to the vision of Catholic School education, we are confident that this new plan creating a diocesan-sponsored system better positions our schools for academic excellence, fidelity to their Catholic mission and growth.

"This restructuring will clarify lines of authority as well as lines of accountability," said Bishop Lohse. "It provides a common vision, strengthens the system's financial foundation and positions us to grow enrollment. Additionally, we plan to solidify our Catholic identity while honoring and preserving the unique spirit, charisms and personality of each school."

The diocesan-sponsored school system is a restructuring of the already-incorporated "Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo" (CSGK), first established in 2006. The restructured system will retain the use of that name. Each school in the system also keeps its name and respective building locations. Bishop Lohse pointed out that this restructuring deals primarily with governance and system-wide efficiencies, and parents, faculty and staff will likely not notice any substantial difference in the classroom when it takes effect on March 1. Eventually, however, the improved structure should reap benefits throughout the entire educational experience.

The system's daily operations and management will be led by a President, a newly created position. The President in turn will oversee and support the four principals. The faculty and staff of each school will continue to report to their respective principal. The President, however, will report to a restructured CSGK Board of Directors, with ultimate authority resting with the CSGK Members chaired by the diocesan bishop [see Organization Chart].

The new structure and strategic plan is the result of the work of a task force appointed by Bishop Lohse last year and has the strong support of all leadership groups, including all nine

pastors of the Catholic parishes in Kalamazoo County, all four school principals, the diocesan Office of Schools and the current CSGK Board.

"The new structure forms a template and helpful guide for us as we continue to identify ways that we may improve and strengthen the future of Catholic education across the other 15 Catholic schools in the diocese," noted Bishop Lohse.

All nine parishes in Kalamazoo County (see list below) as well as the diocese itself will assist in the financial support of the new system.

"We are committed to making every effort to practice financial responsibility and maintain an affordable Catholic school education," said Bishop Lohse.

The new Members are set to meet in early March at which time they will appoint the new Board of Directors who will then assume responsibility for the regular operation of the system.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Kalamazoo*

Light of Christ Academy, Augusta

St. Joseph Elementary, Battle Creek

St. Joseph Catholic Middle School, Battle Creek

St. Philip Catholic Central High School, Battle Creek

St. Mary's Assumption School, Bronson

St. Mary's Visitation School, Byron Center

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School, Coldwater

St. Stanislaus Catholic School, Dorr

St. Rose of Lima School, Hastings

St. Augustine Cathedral School, Kalamazoo

Hackett Catholic Prep, Kalamazoo

St. Monica Catholic School, Kalamazoo

St. Mary's School, Niles

Saint Mary Catholic School, Paw Paw

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Elementary, St. Joseph

Our Lady of the Lake Middle & High School, St. Joseph

Immaculate Conception Catholic School, Three Rivers

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St. Therese Catholic School, Wayland

Kalamazoo County Parishes*

St. Ann Parish, Augusta

St. Augustine Cathedral Parish, Kalamazoo

St. Joseph Parish, Kalamazoo

St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo

St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo

St. Thomas More Parish, Kalamazoo

St. Ambrose Parish, Parchment

St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage

St. Martin of Tours Parish, Vicksburg

(*alphabetical by city location)

The Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo was founded in 1971. It encompasses 5,337 square miles of nine counties in southwest Michigan: Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Branch and includes 59 parishes and missions as well as 19 Catholic schools. www.diokzoo.org.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF GREATER KALAMAZOO (CSGK) ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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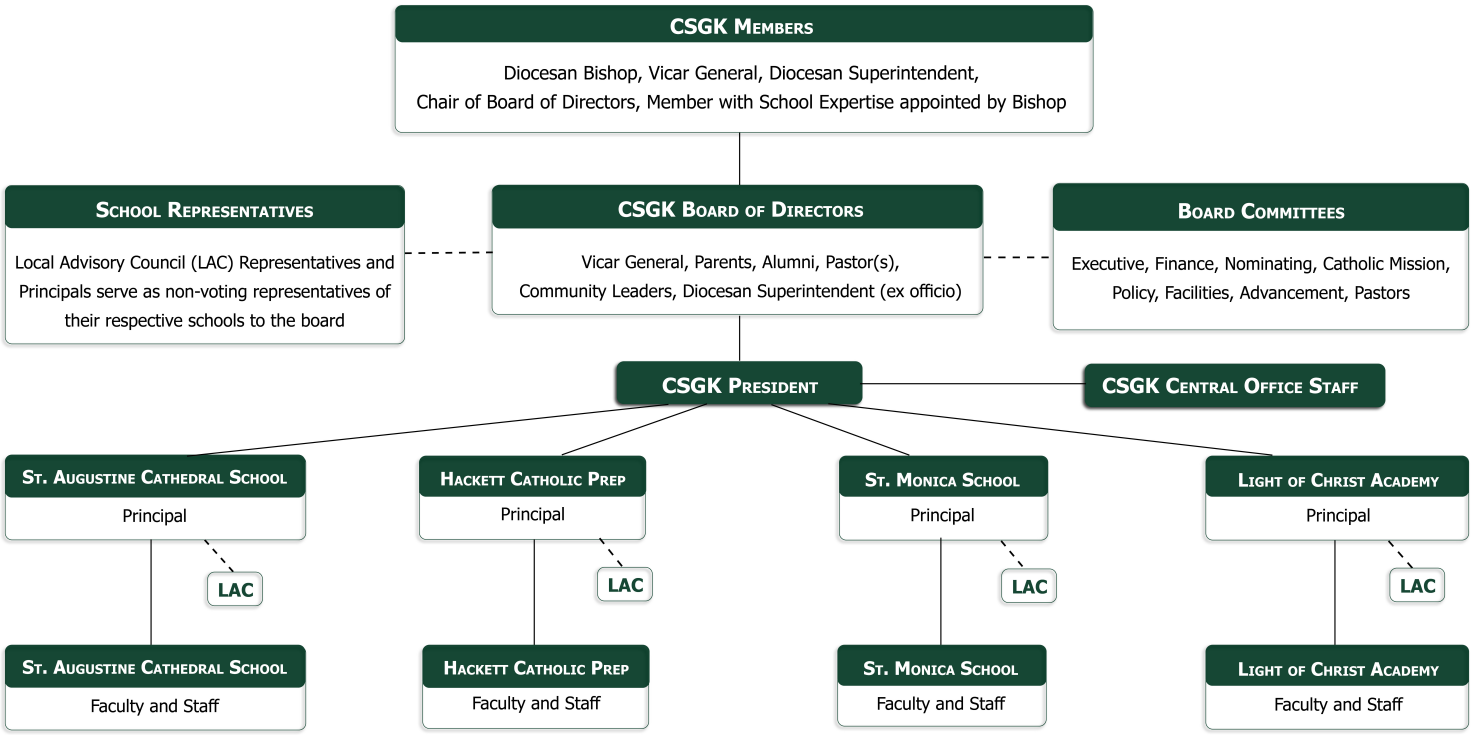

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