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### **Diocese celebrates Catholic Schools Week, Bishop to provide update on Strategic and Mission Plan for Catholic Schools**

GREEN BAY, Wis. (Jan. 25, 2019) – Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Green Bay are celebrating Catholic Schools Week Jan. 27 to Feb. 2. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

Each school will celebrate by holding special Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. Please contact your local Catholic school to find out what celebrations will be taking place. To find the Catholic schools in your area, please visit our online School Locator: [www.gbdioc.org/parish-school-locator.html](http://www.gbdioc.org/parish-school-locator.html)

As part of Catholic Schools Week, Bishop David L. Ricken will provide an update on the Strategic and Mission Plan for Catholic Schools on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic School, 124 E Center Street, Shawano. At this time last year, he announced the plan after an 18-month study concerning Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Green Bay, facilitated by Meitler Consulting.

"We have committed ourselves to think and act differently to make Catholic Schools vibrant and vital in our communities. We are making steady progress and seeing good fruit from our work," said Bishop Ricken. "Catholic Education serves our children and helps them thrive in our present day. I thank all of you who have been a part of the efforts so far. We all play a part in Catholic Education, and I joyfully invite everyone to get more involved by reaching out to your parish or school leadership."

The update at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Shawano will highlight progress made in each of the five key steps to vibrant Catholic Schools. These include:

- Our Students - Our schools will be schools of student discipleship.
- Our Staff - We will support great school leaders and staff and help realize their plans.
- Our Education - We will enhance our academic excellence at all schools.
- Our Operations - We will showcase professional excellence in all our operations.
- Our Funding - We will fund our schools to be great.

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**Who we are:** As friends and followers of Jesus, the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay is devoted to fostering households and communities of discipleship through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church. We are missionary disciples striving to lead all people to the Kingdom of God. Established in 1868, the diocese is composed of 324,000 Catholics in 16 counties: Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago.

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