



Dear Parent,

Thank you for your interest in the Omaha Catholic School Consortium and our new Dual Language Academy, opening this Fall for the 2018-19 school year.

The Omaha Catholic School Consortium was formed in 2012 as a collaboration of parishes, schools, parents and community partners working together to support Catholic education in southeast Omaha. Implemented with the Archbishop's support, our five member schools – Holy Cross, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Bernadette, Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Thomas More– have seen enrollment growth each year and continue to thrive thanks to engagement from families like yours.

The Dual Language Academy's education model will bring together native English and native Spanish speakers so they may learn together and serve as language models for one another. This Dual Language model of instruction provides an opportunity for all students to achieve bilingual proficiency while developing multicultural competency through rigorous English and Spanish immersion. Our Academy will value and respect both languages and all cultures equally. Additionally, our curriculum will be rooted in the image and likeness of Christ. Instruction in this way will enable students to succeed in our culturally diverse world.

As you likely know, research shows students in dual language immersion programs outperform their English-only peers. What's more, our schools were selected for a five-year partnership with Boston College's Two-Way Immersion Network for Catholic Schools-TWIN-CS, which has been successfully mentoring schools across the United States. We can't wait to give your children a quality education in this exciting new environment.

We are currently and actively recruiting new families to join us for the program. The curriculum will start in pre-school and in our augural year also enroll pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes. Each year another grade will be added, through eighth grade.

We appreciate the faithfulness of those who have already registered. If you have not yet formally enrolled, now is the time to do so. Advanced registration will help us properly plan for and allocate resources for this new program. Accordingly, we welcome your help in spreading the word about the benefits of the Dual Language Academy to your family and friends.

As a member of the Consortium's board of directors, I can assure you we are committed to a quality education for your child(ren) and are truly grateful for your family's choice.

Once again, these are exciting times for our Consortium, and we look forward to continued success in the future so Catholic education may thrive in our community for generations to come. I truly believe that together, we achieve great things! For more information about the Consortium and our Dual Language Academy, including registration forms, visit OmahaCSC.org.

On behalf the board, blessings and thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John L. Maginn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

John L. Maginn

Chairman, Omaha Catholic School Consortium Board of Directors