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Dear School Leaders,

Please find attached, the thirteenth annual *Catholic High School Admissions Information and Testing Guide*. This guide provides Catholic school personnel with important information regarding the processes and timelines for testing and admission to Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Washington. The guide was created, and is annually updated, by Catholic high schools and elementary schools, in collaboration with the Catholic Schools Office, to better serve the needs of all families in the Archdiocese of Washington. In order for the processes to work effectively for families, Catholic high schools and elementary schools need to honor and abide by the processes and dates in the guide.

Please review the contents of the *2020-2021 Catholic High School Admissions Information and Testing Guide* and provide a copy of this document to pertinent members of your staff. Thank you for your collaboration in the creation of guidelines for admissions practices that consider social distancing guidelines. Catholic high school and elementary school leaders, alike, have expressed how much they value the collaboration between Catholic schools to support the matriculation of Catholic elementary school students into Catholic high schools in the archdiocese. Our intention is to adapt our admissions practices to consider social distancing, in a manner that is safe and helpful to our schools and families. We have discussed the reality that certain requirements about school operations are unknown at this time. We have agreed that, we will reconvene to consider additional provisions, should they become necessary.

The second page is designated for signatures, to acknowledge that you have received the guide and that you and your school are committed to abiding by the guidelines and dates provided herein. This document should be signed by the presidents of Catholic high schools and the principals of Catholic elementary schools. Please return a copy of the signed letter by email, to Anna Quattrone at quattrone@adw.org **by Friday, June 26, 2020**. The Catholic Schools Office will provide the list of all Catholic school leaders who have returned a signed copy of this document, in July, 2020.

We thank you for your faithful commitment to promote and advance Catholic identity, academic excellence, access and equity, service and leadership – all central characteristics of our Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Sincerely in Christ,

William H. Ryan, III
Secretary for Catholic Schools



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Please sign below, as acknowledgement of receipt of the *2020-2021 Catholic High School Admissions Information and Testing Guide*:

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School Name

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President's signature (For high schools
schools)

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Principal's signature (For elementary
schools)