

## Dear families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School! If you are a returning family, welcome back! If you are new to our community, we are thrilled to have you join us.

We consider it a privilege to work with parents because we believe with the Church that parents are the primary educators of their children. We trust that your choice of Assumption School involves a commitment and exhibits a concern for helping your child to recognize God as the greatest good in his or her life. Therefore, it is your right and your responsibility to become the primary role models for the development of your child's life—spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally. It is our commitment to partner with you in this endeavor.

We are all on the same mission: to educate our youth in the truth, goodness, and beauty of Jesus Christ. We are all faced in this apostolic age with increasing challenges to the Catholic Faith, and we commit ourselves to supporting you in equipping your children to know the Lord deeply, and to providing an authentic Catholic education grounded in a sacramental vision of the world.

We pledge that our classrooms will be environments of respect and high expectations for your children. We will presume that each of them is highly capable of deep thinking and faithful exploration of the world through meaningful inquiry grounded in the Truth evident by human reason and revealed by God through Scripture and the Great Tradition. We will also hold them to high standards of behavior that demonstrate the virtues we are training them to grow in.

Finally, the center of all we do together is the celebration of Holy Mass. We have committed as a school and parish to gather at the beginning of each day (except for Monday) to do the most important thing any of us can do: render proper worship to Almighty God, who has rescued us from sin and death and invited us into eternal life through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. We hope that you will join us as you are able.

May God grant his blessings to you all as we embark on this new year.

Father Nicholas Larkin IV, Pastor Dr. Darin Lovelace, Principal

