



A New Chapter for Messmer Catholic Schools

Dear Messmer Catholic Schools Community,

Established in 1926 as Milwaukee's first Archdiocesan high school, Messmer High School has been committed to diverse educational needs, aiming to prepare students with the academic and cultural competencies to succeed in a global society. Messmer High School has been recognized nationally and internationally for educational innovation and inclusivity and becoming the first religious school to join the Milwaukee Parental School Choice Program in 1992.

Expanding our school system, Messmer added Messmer Saint Mary in 1999 and Messmer Saint Rose in 2007, forming Messmer Catholic Schools—the first independent K-12 Catholic school system in the Milwaukee Archdiocese.

Our fundamental mission at Messmer High School has always been to place a strong focus on preparing our graduates for college, careers and community contributions through a rigorous academic curriculum and diverse student programs. As Messmer High School prepares for our 100th year in 2025-26 with a goal of expanding enrollment to 600 students, we are recommitting to our mission of delivering exceptional Catholic high school education.

After extensive planning and collaboration, Messmer is integrating our two elementary schools, Messmer Saint Mary and Messmer Saint Rose, into Seton Catholic Schools. This integration reinforces the commitment of Seton, Messmer and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to make a high-quality K-8 Catholic education possible for families in Milwaukee. It also supports Messmer High School in its mission to become the premier choice for students in Milwaukee.

Seton Catholic Schools is the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's urban K-8 model providing the highest caliber academic and spiritual formation for all students. Seton has a proven track record of academic success and both of our organizations are committed to strengthening urban Catholic education in Milwaukee with academics built on a strong Catholic identity and culture.

This integration allows us to enhance educational offerings for Saint Mary and Saint Rose and create a more robust learning environment for students. Our goal together is that Messmer High School will be a primary destination for students from Seton's north side schools.

As we move into this new chapter for Messmer Catholic Schools, I am filled with optimism and excitement for the possibilities that lie ahead. Our collective dedication to strengthening Catholic educational experience remains steadfast, and I am confident this integration will continue nurturing faith-filled learners and prepare students for post-secondary education.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Messmer Catholic Schools. Let us embrace this opportunity together to share a brighter future for our students and community.

Warm regards,
Jim Piatt