



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

August 2019

Dear students, faculty and staff of Aquinas College,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to a new academic year in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. I am proud that within our diocese, there is access to a complete education in mind, body and soul within a Catholic school from preschool to the graduate level.

We give thanks to God for this gift of Catholic education. It affords students the opportunity to study our faith alongside and within the sciences and humanities. Complementing these studies are invitations to service and evangelization, whereby students accept Christ's call to spread the love of God and be missionaries for the Gospel.

In this way, Catholic education provides a foundation for fulfillment in life. It presents students with Christ's offer of eternal life and cultivates the God-given talents and skills which prepare one for service to Him and others. This is how happiness can be found: by drawing near to our Lord and by making our brothers and sisters the focus of our actions instead of ourselves.

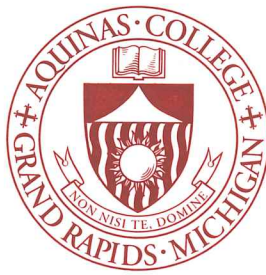
The presence of Aquinas College in our diocese is a true blessing! I am grateful for the leadership of President Kevin Quinn, Ph.D., his team, and all those who support the College in its distinctive Dominican mission and tradition, and I look forward to our continued collaboration.

I will be praying for your continued growth in faith and for your success this academic year. Thank you for all that you do to support Catholic education.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ David J. Walkowiak

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids



Kevin G. Quinn, Ph.D.
President

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Dear Partners in Catholic Education,

I send warm greetings to the students, families, faculty and staff who are beginning another wonderful academic year in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Aquinas College is proud to serve beside you to provide a rich and meaningful Catholic education in our community.

Saint Thomas Aquinas, the namesake of our College, was a Dominican scholar as well as a brilliant mind and influential teacher. He taught the unifying power of reason and faith in pursuit of truth.

As our students return, we refocus ourselves on our goal for them: to grow in education as they grow in their faith. I am blessed to see that in action every day.

We are grateful for the support of you and the diocese. We are excited to see the many ways that Aquinas will be working with our Catholic schools throughout the year.

Blessings for another great school year!

Sincerely,

Kevin G. Quinn, Ph.D.
President