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John Paul II Catholic School, Ridgeland - The Ancient Order of Hibernians presented students with the saint award.

Our Lady of the Rosary School, Greenville - In July, students participated in the groundbreaking of the new church building.

St. Mary Help of Christians School, Aiken - Eight young men earned Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Boy Scouts.

St. Andrew Catholic School, Myrtle Beach - Collects food for the poor at its Annual Hunger Beach Walk.
Bishop England High School, Charleston - The golf team won its third consecutive Class AA state championship.

St. Joseph School, Columbia - First-grader earns national handwriting award.

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U.S. Census Bureau classifications for Race and Ethnicity are reported as separate and distinct identities.

Ethnicity
Hispanic or Latino 483
Non-Hispanic or Latino 6602

Racial Categories
American Indian/Native Alaskan 45
Asian 220
Black 457
White 5854
Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander 25
Multi-racial 411
Unknown 73
Total Enrollment 7085

Ethnicity
Hispanic/Latinos who self-identify as Cuban, Puerto Rican, Central or South American or other Spanish Cultures.

Racial Categories
People who self-identify as American Indian/Native Alaskan, Asian, Black/African American, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, White, Two or more races.
Divine Redeemer School, Hanahan-
Three students earned high marks to be eligible to compete nationally.

St. Francis Xavier High School, Sumter -
Students speak out for Right-to-life.

Blessed Sacrament School, Charleston-
The Father McCarthy Catholic Education Fund, established by Fr. Joseph Romanski, is helping send parish families to Blessed Sacrament School.

Summerville Catholic School, Summerville-
Summerville Catholic Fathers Association is a group formed by fathers who want to be more involved in their children’s school.

St. Anthony School, Florence – Students dress up as their favorite superhero during Catholic Schools Week.

St. Anne School, Sumter – An eighth grader sticks a cotton ball to her nose for a Minute to Win It Family Challenge during Catholic Schools Week.

National Merit Finalists - Schools in the diocese have a total of 10 high school seniors earning top-ranking national academic honors.
In late 2014, the Diocese of Charleston invited the National Catholic Educational Association and the Institute of Parish and School Development to co-lead a Strategic Planning Process that would establish a vision and plan to revitalize and strengthen the Catholic schools throughout South Carolina. The planning process would examine the 28 parish-sponsored elementary schools and 3 diocesan-sponsored secondary schools from a systemic perspective.

The planning process was developed in alignment with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 2005 statement, *Renewing our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Third Millennium.* The key planning goals are as follows:

1. To bring people and process together to plan for stronger Catholic schools in the Diocese.
2. To develop a comprehensive strategic plan to endure a vibrant future for schools.
3. To establish standards to strengthen and sustain Catholic schools diocesan-wide.

Four planning areas were established at the outset of the process based upon the *National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools:*

1. Mission and Catholic Identity
2. Academic Excellence
3. Governance and Leadership
4. Operational Vitality

To oversee the planning process, a 14-member Steering Committee was assembled with members who demonstrate a clear and faithful commitment to Catholic education as well as expertise with respect to at least one of the planning areas.
• **$150,000** in tuition assistance for children of Catholic elementary school employees to attend a diocesan Secondary School.

• **$135,000** awarded to 295 students in 15 schools.

• **$1,185,603** in tuition assistance to 184 exceptional needs students in 24 schools.

• **$125,000** awarded to 16 schools for special projects and programs.
ERATE

The E-rate program makes telecommunications and information services more affordable for schools and libraries in America. E-rate provides discounted telecommunications, internet access, and internal connections to eligible schools and libraries, funded by the Universal Service Fund (USF).

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St. Gregory the Great School, Bluffton - St. Gregory the Great created its first-ever Odyssey of the Mind team this year, and have blown everyone away by nailing down a spot in the 2015 World Finals.

Cardinal Newman School, Columbia - The boys’ soccer team won the South Carolina Independent Schools Association state title.

Prince of Peace School, Taylors - Prince of Peace Catholic School earns a 2014 Blue Ribbon School of excellence by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

St. Joseph School, Greenville - The boys’ soccer team won its fourth Class 1A championship in four years.

St. Gregory the Great School, Bluffton - Annual Snow Day.
St. Anne School, Rock Hill - Students put on their annual ‘Showcase St. Anne’ to celebrate the gifts, talents and abilities of the children.

The Charleston Catholic School, Charleston - Students give Mayor Joe Riley a personalized school T-shirt at the dedication of the Jack Adams Tennis Courts.
NCEA Convention – Sr. Catherine Noecker receives the Distinguished Principal of the Year Award at the convention in Orlando.

NCEA Convention – Sandra Leatherwood, Director for Catholic Education and Jacquie Kasprowski, Associate Director for Secondary Education take teachers out for a night of fun at Minus 5 Degrees Restaurant in Orlando.

National Catholic Education Association Convention
Orlando, Florida

NCEA – Taking time to enjoy each other and trying to keep warm.

NCEA Convention – A group gathering at the Minus 5 Degrees Restaurant in Orlando.
The Diocese of Charleston Teacher’s Educational Conference was held at St. John Neumann Catholic School in Columbia March 5-6, 2015. Keynote speaker, Father Nuzzi opened the conference with over 700 teachers in attendance. Teachers were able to gain more knowledge and insight to better assist them in the classroom. The conference is held every two years and will be held in 2017 at Cardinal Newman School in Columbia.
Catholic Schools Committed to Keeping Kids Safe

In keeping with the USCCB’s *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, Diocesan Schools have instituted and maintain Safe Environment Programs for their students. Reflecting The Charter’s commitment to the safety of all students, Diocesan Policy requires all students be offered age appropriate prevention education. In addition, all school employees and volunteers who wish to work with students must undergo background screening, attend a prevention education class, and sign a Code of Conduct to work with students. This year we

Provided Prevention Education to:

- 5,809 Students
- 1,301 School Employees
- 4,192 School Volunteers

Completed Background Screening on, and received Codes of Conduct from:

- 1,301 School Employees
- 4,192 School Volunteers