

## **Press Release for St. John Vianney Catholic School**

The Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA) has renewed the accreditation of St. John Vianney Catholic School in Fairmont for the eligibility period of 2019 to 2026. Accreditation is a voluntary method of quality assurance with a goal to evaluate, validate, and improve each school's quality.

MNSAA is a federally- and state-sanctioned nonprofit association for accrediting nonpublic schools in the State of Minnesota. The Association's mission is to be a catalyst for enhancing the quality of nonpublic education in Minnesota through a comprehensive process of accreditation. Our agency helps schools provide quality nonpublic education for the children of Minnesota for its member schools. MNSAA is governed by a member-elected Board of Directors that bases its accreditation on a school's evaluation through a self-study process.

Schools are accredited based on their compliance with a set of rigorous standards which identify essential personnel, curriculum, instruction, facility, governance, and marketing policies and practices that are considered necessary for an effective school. The accreditation process includes the creation of a visionary and focused strategic plan for improvement and an onsite visit by a team of educators from member schools. Accreditation with MNSAA relies richly on how the individual school defines its mission and the way it seeks to accomplish its goals in keeping with its mission.

MNSAA is pleased to have St. John Vianney Catholic School join some of the more than 170 accredited schools that make up our Association. MNSAA salutes St. John Vianney School's commitment to providing an outstanding educational program to the children of this community. MNSAA will continue to provide guidance to St. John Vianney School through an annual review of its strategic plan for continued growth and improvement.