## **Press Release for Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School**

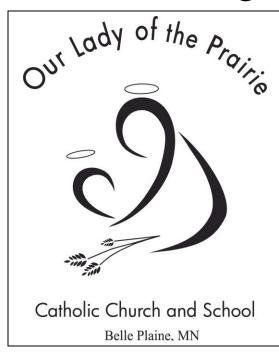
The Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA) has renewed the accreditation of Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School in Belle Plaine for the eligibility period of 2019 to 2026. Accreditation is a voluntary method of quality assurance with a goal to evaluate, validate and improve each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

MNSAA is a federally- and state-sanctioned non-profit association for accrediting nonpublic school 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 high standards which identify essential personnel, teaching, facility, curriculum, 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 and an on-site visit by a team of educators from member schools. Accreditation with MNSAA relies heavily on how the individual school defines its mission and the way it seeks to accomplish that mission.

MNSAA is pleased to have Our Lady of the Prairie join some of the more than 170 accredited schools that make up the Association. MNSAA salutes OLP's commitment to providing outstanding education to the children of this community. MNSAA will continue to provide guidance to Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School through an annual review of its strategic plan.

## Providing a Quality Education for Each Child



Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School

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We are committed to helping all students reach their full potential in a nurturing and safe school.

We put that commitment into practice by earning accreditation from the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA).

## What does this mean to you?

It means you can rest assured that your students are receiving a quality education. It means that:

- Students are taught by qualified teachers;
- The curriculum is rigorous and integrated with best professional practices;
- Our school complies with State of Minnesota guidelines for safety and wellbeing; and
- Oversight is provided by a concerned governing body.

It means that the quality of our educational program is nationally recognized.

It means that we go beyond state requirements and hold ourselves accountable for meeting nationally recognized standards of excellence.