



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF NORTHERN UTAH

Dear Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus! I'm Hal Sanderson serving as Financial Secretary for Council 15418, and I am so grateful for the gift of fellowship and faith we share as Knights. Our Knights mission to strengthen men and the Catholic community inspires me daily. I am looking forward to the relic tour of Blessed Fr. McGivney at St. Catherine & St. Ambrose this February. What a wonderful event this will be!

Recently, I stepped into a new role as Board Chair of [Chesterton Academy](#). Chesterton Academy is now midway through our second school year. We are a young but determined school! The classical education at Chesterton Academy is unique for Utah. Classical education integrates subjects like science, literature, history, philosophy, and theology, showing how all knowledge is interconnected and rooted in God's truth. For example, students study Ancient Greece's history alongside works by Homer and Plato, exploring moral questions and God's hand in human events. This approach deepens critical thinking, faith, and virtue. The virtues nurtured at Chesterton Academy are the same ones deeply valued by the Knights of Columbus! At Chesterton Academy, faith and ethics are seamlessly integrated into the curriculum, ensuring students are not only academically successful but also grow into principled, thoughtful leaders. By minimizing the use of technology and emphasizing human interaction through Socratic dialogue, our classical education program effectively combats the distractions of the digital age.

I want to take a moment and clarify our status with the Diocese of Salt Lake, as there have been some questions. We are working tirelessly to build a relationship with the Diocese and Bishop Solis. [Please refer to our latest letter to the Bishop](#). We actively participate in diocesan events such as the Carmelite Fair, National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, Mass for the Unborn, and the March for Life. We pray daily for Bishop Solis to bless our small but growing ministry. Our optimism is strong, as we believe the goals of our ministry align perfectly with the mission of the Diocese that focuses on increasing vocations, faith formation, and charity.

Chesterton Academy provides greater access and opportunity to Catholic families who seek a small school experience, classical education, and value daily Mass for their child. Our classical approach expands the educational options available to families. We are the only faith-based ministry on the Wasatch Front utilizing a classical education model. Expanding access to this proven method of faith formation is vital. Chesterton Academy complements our Catholic schools rather than competing with them. Together, we strive to raise up the next generation of joyful Catholic leaders and saints.

Thank you for your support and prayers. I would be glad to talk with you further about building the bridge with the Diocese, engaging new donors, and connecting with more passionate Catholics (Hal - 801.209.7811). Together, we can ensure that future generations of Catholics are formed in faith, virtue, and leadership.

Fraternally in Christ,

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