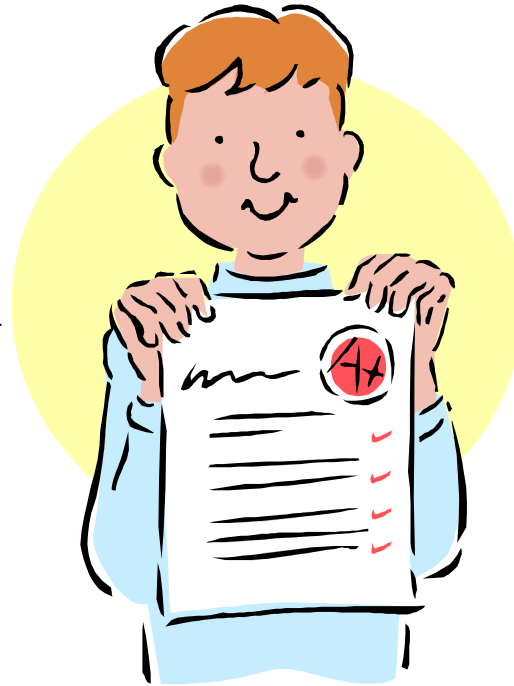


# Why send your child to St. Laurence?

## Above average growth in skills in the areas of Reading, Language, and Math.

- A new study finds that Rockford Diocese 7th graders have exceeded the national growth rate over a 5 year period.
- Above average 7th graders *should* be reading as well or better than 75% of students nationally. Students in the Diocese read as well or better than 90% of students nationally.
- Average students at St. Laurence read better than 78% of the country. Below average students read better than 55% of the country.
- The longer students attended diocesan schools, the greater the amount of the achievement growth.



## Catholic Faith and Values are taught.

- In the recent assessment of Religious Education (ACRE Test) of 8th grade students the national average was 71.9%. Our students average was 80.7%.
- 95% of 8th grade students responded that our religion program encourages us to do volunteer work.
- 94% responded that their teachers have been a positive influence on how they think and live.
- 89% felt that being Catholic is important to them.



## Students enjoy being at St. Laurence

- 100% felt that they belonged to an excellent parish.
- 100% were glad to be at St. Laurence.
- 100% responded that they felt safe at school.
- 72% responded that fighting is not a problem at school.

