



Diocese of Paterson Schools
All Saints Academy
AdvancED Re-Accreditation - April 2017

In Spring, 2017, All Saints Academy, along with the community of schools of the Diocese of Paterson, reached a milestone in the culmination of an important two year initiative that led to the re-accreditation of our diocesan schools. This is the accreditation process through AdvancED, an internationally recognized, non-profit, review organization.

Diocesan accreditation has the power to nurture and support individual school improvement, and the same time unify school improvement and align it with overall improvement goals so that diocesan schools are moving in one direction together, on the same page. Diocesan leaders, along with many stakeholders, engaged in AdvancED are challenged to:

- ❖ Take stock of schools in relation to a set of research based quality standards.
- ❖ View our schools as a system that possesses a oneness, but still embraces the individuality of each school.
- ❖ Establish a vision, assess their current reality, implement and improvement plan, monitor progress and evaluate results.

All diocesan principals continue to meet regularly to review, discuss and plan in the areas of Standards for Quality Education. The quality practices and conditions are based on research, focus on student learning and improvement, are systematically connected and are fully integrated with Catholic identity.

Following initial accreditation in 2012, there were five year “mile markers” to benchmark continuous improvement and re-accreditation. Principals met regularly to promote the continued improvement in our schools and to prepare to earn re-accreditation in April 2017. Stakeholders continue to be included in the process.

The Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Mary Baier, assembled a Steering Committee, comprised of school administrators, to lead the re-accreditation process. All Saints Academy principal, Mrs. Judith Berg, was selected to participate on the Steering Committee, and All Saints Academy was selected as a model diocesan school to be visited by members of AdvancED team selected to review the diocesan schools.

Following the review of the diocesan schools’ self-assessments and onsite visit, AdvancED announced that our diocesan schools earned re-accreditation. The Catholic Schools Office will coordinate and implement an action plan, focusing on continued improvement, to address the important commendations and required actions noted in the final report. Updates on progress will be shared with all stakeholders.

At All Saints Academy, we are centered on providing our students with the highest quality of educational excellence. This accreditation process allows us as a school and a system to reinforce and further develop ongoing efforts to benefit students. Our families can be secure in the foundations of their children’s education. Achieving accreditation through AdvancED is an essential nucleus for our continuous self-reflection and self-improvement.