



Dear Friends of Catholic Schools,

As leaders committed to Catholic education, we are delighted to introduce you to the newly established **FIRE Foundation of Sacramento**, an independent non-profit organization. Launched in January 2025, **FIRE** stands for **Foundation for Inclusive Religious Education** and has a vital mission: *to champion the inclusion of students with disabilities in Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Sacramento.*

Families raising children with disabilities face limited educational choices. While public school programs offer support, they do not provide the spiritual foundation children need to grow in faith and deepen their relationship with God. Many of our Catholic schools, though rich in spirit and dedication, have historically lacked the specialized resources necessary to serve students with individualized learning needs, leaving parents with the difficult reality that a Catholic school education may be out of reach for their child.

That reality is changing. Over a year ago, local parents approached Diocesan leadership to discuss how to increase resources for children with disabilities in our local Catholic schools. These discussions ultimately led to the formation of an Inclusion Committee. With the blessing of Bishop Jaime Soto, and Auxiliary Bishop Rey Bersabal, this committee chose to affiliate with the established FIRE Foundation based in Kansas City, launching our regional affiliate organization as the FIRE Foundation of Sacramento.

FIRE Sacramento is committed to raising funds for grants that will allow local partner schools to provide professional development, staff critical positions, and acquire technology necessary to ensure successful learning experiences for all children, including children with disabilities.

There are several meaningful ways you can support the FIRE Foundation of Sacramento:

- **Pray for us.** Most importantly, we ask for your prayers as we work to grow this ministry.
- **Share your gifts.** If you own a business and can offer discounted services, sponsorships, or in-kind donations, please email us at info@firefoundationsacramento.org.
- **Give generously.** Become a founding member of our FIRE Sustainer monthly giving program, or make a one-time financial gift. Your tax-deductible contribution will help make this ministry a true success for our children. Donations can be made online at www.firefoundationsacramento.org, or mailed to FIRE Foundation of Sacramento: *PO Box 4021, Auburn, CA, 95604.*

May the FIRE of the Holy Spirit inspire you and all the faithful of our Diocese as we seek to make a Catholic education a real possibility for all of God's children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "K. Perata".

Katie Perata, Ed.D.
Executive Director of Schools
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jennifer Sinner".

Jennifer Sinner
President
FIRE Foundation of Sacramento



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