

**JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY...**

**A TRADITION.**



**A Coeducational College Preparatory High School**

*Co-sponsored by the Carmelites and Joliet Franciscan Sisters*

# Our Mission

“Inspiring Growth in Knowledge and Faith,” the Joliet Catholic Academy family creates an environment that cultivates opportunities for academic excellence, meaningful service, Christian respect, and Catholic values in the traditions of the Carmelites and Franciscans.



# WELCOME TO JCA

## A TRADITION OF VALUED HISTORY AND EXCELLENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

The JCA family has been grounded in tradition and inspired by faith for over 148-years at the center of Catholic education in Will County. An educational journey at Joliet Catholic Academy is filled with experienced faculty and dedicated staff committed to helping every student reach their greatest potential.

Students at Joliet Catholic Academy have many opportunities to succeed. Angels and Hilltoppers are challenged in the classroom, expected to serve within the community, tested on the playing field, and embraced by the missions of the Carmelites and Franciscans.

JCA's holistic approach to education, centered in the school's faith-filled curriculum, creates an educational experience that encourages success. The goal of the Joliet Catholic Academy family is to prepare young men and women for college and for life.

Join the JCA family and become part of **A Tradition** that is second to none!



# A TRADITION OF... **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

Academic excellence is one of the hallmarks of Joliet Catholic Academy. After moving through our educational program, students are well prepared to attend the college of their choice. JCA's diverse curriculum offers students an individualized education based on their strengths, providing them with the opportunity to achieve their maximum intellectual potential. Students are placed in the academic program that best meets their needs based on their academic strengths.

## **Curriculum Placement**

### **Accelerated/Honors Prep -**

Directed at the highly academically gifted and talented students who enjoy the challenges of a demanding program of studies.

**Upper College Prep -** Provides students with a fundamental understanding of the basic skills and discipline they need to achieve success in college.

**College Prep -** Furnishes students with the understanding of basic skills and the ability to master these skills to better prepare them for further academic study.

**Advanced Placement and Dual Credit -** Advanced Placement courses are offered to juniors and seniors in English IV, U.S. Government, Calculus, Biology, Physics and Micro Economics, European History, U.S. History,

Chemistry, and Statistics. Students in a fourth year of a foreign language may request to take the A.P. Spanish, French or Latin exam.

## **Academic Resource Center**

Students needing special academic assistance may qualify for JCA's Academic Resource Center, where students are tutored in small groups by our certified Learning Resource staff.



## **Academic Distinction**

*Class of 2017 earned over \$15 million in college scholarships.*

*27 students in the Class of 2017 were named Illinois State Scholars.*

*The mean ACT score was 30.0 for Honors Program students and 27.3 for the top 50% of the Class of 2017.*

*Angels and Hilltoppers can earn Advanced Placement and Junior College credits while attending JCA.*

# DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

## COUNSELING

The Counseling Department provides a student focused program that is developmental, comprehensive, and preventative, providing an educational process that cultivates and challenges all students to be lifelong learners growing in faith, knowledge, understanding, and service. The Counseling Department is comprised of three guidance counselors and a college/career counselor.

*To learn more, visit:*  
[www.jca-online.org/counseling-department](http://www.jca-online.org/counseling-department)

## ENGLISH

The mission of the English Department is to teach a philosophy that exceeds a high academic level, one that challenges students to examine and interpret the human condition and the inter-relatedness and responsibility of all people. The goal is to help students connect literature to the human experience by strengthening problem solving and critical thinking skills so that students have superb decision making abilities and a sense of self-worth. The department also offers a course in AP English Literature.

*To learn more, visit:* [www.jca-online.org/english-department](http://www.jca-online.org/english-department)

## THEOLOGY

JCA's Theology Department is staffed with knowledgeable religious faculty members who have a combined average of 15 years of teaching experience. JCA students take Theology classes all four years of high school, and the department is the first high school in the Diocese of Joliet to track student cognition and affect development using the NCEA's IFG standardized testing, developed with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

*To learn more, visit:*  
[www.jca-online.org/theology-department](http://www.jca-online.org/theology-department)

## MATH

The Math Department boasts a team of excellent faculty members eager to share their knowledge and challenge students in their studies. The department's "Formula for Success" includes an Eighth Grade Math Program for accelerated learning, a Math Lab designed to provide supplemental tutoring from JCA math teachers, Dual Credit courses offered for college credit, and Advanced Placement courses in Calculus and Statistics.

*To learn more, visit:* [www.jca-online.org/math-department](http://www.jca-online.org/math-department)

## FINE ARTS

JCA believes the arts are an important part of the high school experience. The arts make a real contribution to the intellectual, expressive, emotional, and creative growth of a person. Angels and Hilltoppers are required to earn credits for graduation in both Art and Music. Students are also given the opportunity to become involved outside the classroom setting with extracurricular activities such as exhibits, field trips, and musical performances.

*To learn more, visit:*  
[www.jca-online.org/fine-arts-department](http://www.jca-online.org/fine-arts-department)

## WORLD LANGUAGE

JCA students are challenged to think differently, broaden their learning spectrum, and become exposed to new cultures, expanding their worldview. French and Spanish courses are offered to students. Different approaches to learning such as opportunities to travel abroad and National French and Spanish contests will entice students to continue their foreign language studies throughout all four years of high school. Advanced Placement courses in Spanish and French are offered.

*To learn more, visit:*  
[www.jca-online.org/foreign-language-department](http://www.jca-online.org/foreign-language-department)

## SCIENCE

JCA's Science Department is staffed with accomplished faculty members who have experience at both the high school and collegiate level. Multiple subject labs provide hands on learning to help students understand phenomena in the world of science. The department utilizes technology in the classroom through virtual dissections and labs. The department also offers Advanced Placement courses in Chemistry, Biology, and Physics.

*To learn more, visit:*  
[www.jca-online.org/science-department](http://www.jca-online.org/science-department)

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Students taking social studies classes have a unique opportunity to expand their worldview and learn from outstanding faculty who have more than 150 years of teaching experience combined. Courses are offered in Business, Government and International Relations, U.S. History, AP European History, AP U.S. Government, AP U.S. History, and AP Microeconomics.

*To learn more, visit:*  
[www.jca-online.org/social-studies-department](http://www.jca-online.org/social-studies-department)

# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN TECHNOLOGY

At Joliet Catholic Academy we understand the importance of education and technology working hand in hand to enhance the learning experience, preparing students for a successful future. JCA seeks to challenge all students with a rigorous curriculum, utilizing state of the art technology and the most current trends in curriculum integration. It is our goal to provide all students with access to digital curricular content and the latest productivity applications; training in the use of applications that enhance learning, and coursework in digital citizenship for the appropriate and responsible technology use.

## 1:1 Initiative

We strongly believe that the 1:1 Technology Initiative supports our mission, "to cultivate opportunities for academic excellence." JCA is 1:1 during the 2017-2018 school year with all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors using approved laptop devices. Our teachers have been trained and are prepared and excited to work with all students using the latest technology available to provide new and unique learning opportunities. The benefits of going 1:1 are limitless and include opportunities such as:

- Increased student-centered learning
- Enhanced student and teacher collaboration
- Increased student engagement, accountability, and creativity
- Efficient feedback on formative and summative assessments
- Organization of notes, homework, tests, and projects all in one device

## Computer Center

A state of the art facility where the students have a quiet and comfortable environment to do schoolwork on their laptops. For students without laptops, there are three labs fully equipped with PCs. Teaching stations with projectors provide opportunities for modeling during instruction. Also, with our new Office 365 initiative, even students without laptops will be able to work on their schoolwork and access their files stored in OneDrive.

We will be continuing the tradition of the JCA Tech Club, which meets in the Computer Center one day each week after school to broaden the minds of those students interested in technology.



## Microsoft Innovation for Education

JCA's 1:1 initiative is based on the Microsoft/Windows 10 Platform. All student computers will have Office 365 and each student will have a JCA email account through Microsoft Outlook. With the Office 365 accounts, students will have access to the complete Office Suite of programs, as well as OneNote, One Drive, and all other free Microsoft applications.

## Technology in the Classroom

All classrooms are equipped with the latest technology needed to ensure an education that prepares students to be ready for a future filled with endless possibilities. With Microsoft Innovations for Education and Google Apps for Education, teachers and students have a wide variety of programs available to them to aid in doing everything from organization and collaboration to innovation and creativity. Examples include: OneNote Class Notebooks, Mix, Sway, Yammer, Skype, Socrative, Graphing Calculator, AutoCollage, and CronoZoom.

## Plus Portals

Plus Portals is an avenue for parents, students and teachers to communicate and share information such as:

- Course Expectations
- Course Syllabus
- Assignments
- Grades
- Email between teachers and parents/students



## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

### College Matriculation in the Past Five Years

Amherst College  
Aquinas College  
Arizona State University  
Augustana College  
Augustana University  
Aurora University  
Ball State University  
Baylor University  
Bemidji State University  
Benedictine College  
Benedictine University  
Bethany Lutheran  
Boston College  
Bowling Green State University  
Bradley University  
Butler University  
Carroll University (WI)  
Carthage College  
Central Michigan Univ.  
Clarke University  
Clemson University  
Coe College  
Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State Univ.  
Columbia College, Chicago  
Concordia University  
Converse College  
Cornell College  
Creighton University  
Culver-Stockton College  
DePaul University  
Dominican University  
Drake University  
Drexel University  
College of DuPage  
Earlham College  
Eastern Illinois Univ.  
Elmhurst College  
Eureka College  
Fairmont State Univ.  
FIDM, Los Angeles  
Ferris State University  
Florida State University  
Fontbonne University  
Franciscan University  
Grand Canyon Univ.  
Grand Valley State Univ.  
Grand View University  
Hampton University  
Heartland C.C.  
Hillsdale College  
Hobart and William Smith College  
College of the Holy Cross  
Hope College  
Illinois College  
Illinois Inst. Of Art  
Illinois Inst. Technology  
Illinois State University  
Illinois Wesleyan Univ.  
Indiana University  
IU, South Bend  
Iowa State University  
Iowa Wesleyan College  
Iowa Western C.C.  
Joliet Junior College  
Kent State University  
Knox College  
Lake Erie College  
Lake Forest College  
Lander University  
Lawrence University  
Lewis University  
Lindenwood University  
Loras College  
Louisiana State Univ.  
Loyola Univ., Chicago  
Marian University  
Marquette University  
Maryville University  
McKendree University  
Miami University  
Michigan State Univ.  
Michigan Technological University  
Millikin University  
Milwaukee School of Engineering  
Missouri State Univ.  
Moraine Valley C.C.  
Mt. Mercy University  
New York University  
North Central College  
Northeastern University  
Northern Illinois Univ.  
Northern Michigan Univ  
Northwest Missouri State University  
Northwestern Univ.  
Oberlin College Arts & Sciences  
Oklahoma State Univ.  
Palm Beach Atlantic University  
Parkland College  
Pepperdine University  
Purdue University  
Purdue University NW  
Quincy University  
Robert Morris Univ.  
Roosevelt University  
Saint John's University  
Saint Joseph College  
Saint Louis University  
Saint Mary's College  
Saint Mary's Univ., MN  
Saint Xavier University  
Salve Regina University  
South Dakota School of  
Mines and Technology  
Southeast Missouri State University  
Southern Illinois Univ., Carbondale  
Southern Illinois Univ.,  
Edwardsville  
Southern Methodist University  
St. Ambrose University  
St. Edward's University  
St. Norbert College  
St. Thomas University  
Stanford University  
The Ohio State Univ.  
Trinity Christian College

98%

*of the Class of 2017 are  
pursuing higher education*

66%

*of students in the Class of 2017  
earned college scholarships*

Truman State University  
Tulane University  
U.S. Coast Guard Academy  
University of Alabama  
University of Arizona  
University of Arkansas  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado  
University of Dayton  
University of Denver  
University of DuBuque  
University of Findlay  
University of Illinois, Chicago  
University of Illinois, Springfield  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
University of Iowa  
University of Kansas  
University of Kentucky  
University of Miami  
University of Mississippi  
University of Missouri  
University of Nebraska  
University of New Mexico  
University of North Dakota  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Redlands  
University of San Diego  
University of South Alabama  
University of Southern California  
University of Southern Indiana  
University of St. Francis  
University of Tampa  
University of Tennessee  
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee  
University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh  
University of Wisconsin, Platteville  
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point  
University of Wisconsin, Whitewater  
Valparaiso University  
Vanderbilt University  
Villanova University  
Walsh University  
Washington University, St. Louis  
Webster University  
Western Illinois Univ.  
Western Kentucky Univ.  
Western Michigan Univ.  
Wheelock College  
William Woods Univ.  
Xavier University

## A TRADITION OF...

# FAITH & FAMILY

The spiritual atmosphere at Joliet Catholic Academy is what sets it apart from other area high schools. In support of JCA's mission, four years of religious studies are required and a comprehensive spiritual life program is provided by a vibrant Campus Ministry department.

Campus Ministry implements programs that contribute to the spiritual welfare of the entire JCA community in developing a Roman Catholic environment that fosters a deep, personal relationship with God and Jesus Christ through the charisms of the Carmelites and Franciscans.

JCA offers students a variety of ministries and formative programs to enrich their faith and character development.



### Liturgical Experiences

- Weekly Mass is offered Tuesday after school in the small chapel. All are welcome.
- Prayer services are offered Friday at 7:15 a.m. in the small chapel. All are welcome.
- The chapel is open throughout the day for private prayer and reflection.
- All-school Masses are once per month and Holy Days of Obligation.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered throughout the year and on retreats.

### Christian Service

JCA students complete a minimum of 60 hours of Christian Service throughout their four-year careers, working both within the school and the Joliet community to directly impact the lives of others.

### Retreats

- Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and the JCA faculty and staff all participate together in an annual day of renewal.
- Kairos will be offered to students during their senior year.







**15,000+**  
*The Class of 2017 completed  
over 15,000 hours of service  
in their time at JCA.*

# A TRADITION OF... ATHLETIC SUCCESS

Athletics plays an important role in developing the discipline and competitive spirit required for academic success. JCA has a tradition of winning state titles, national championships and sportsmanship awards. More importantly, there is no greater feeling than running on the field, taking the court, walking on the course or cheering in the HillZone as an Angel or Hilltopper.

## Notable Recent Alumni

- 65 student-athletes from the Class of 2017 signed letters of intent to continue their education at the NCAA Division I, II, III, NJCAA, or NAIA levels.
- Kelly Murphy '08 was a member of the 2016 U.S. Olympic women's volleyball team that competed in Rio earning a Bronze Medal.
- Coby Fleener '07 signed a \$36 million dollar contract with the NFL's New Orleans Saints in the summer of 2016.
- Allie Quigley '04, a two-time defending WNBA "Sixth Woman of the Year" for the Chicago Sky was recently named a WNBA All-Star and won the All-Star 3-Point Competition.
- Josh Ferguson '11 is entering his second season with the NFL's Indianapolis Colts.
- Rylan Bannon '14 and Antonio Saldana '17 were each selected in the 2017 Major League Baseball Draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants respectively.



Graduating seniors Maddie Bauer and McCoy Hutchison captured the IHSA Class 1A State Double Championship, while also leading the Angels to a 2nd Place Team Finish at State!

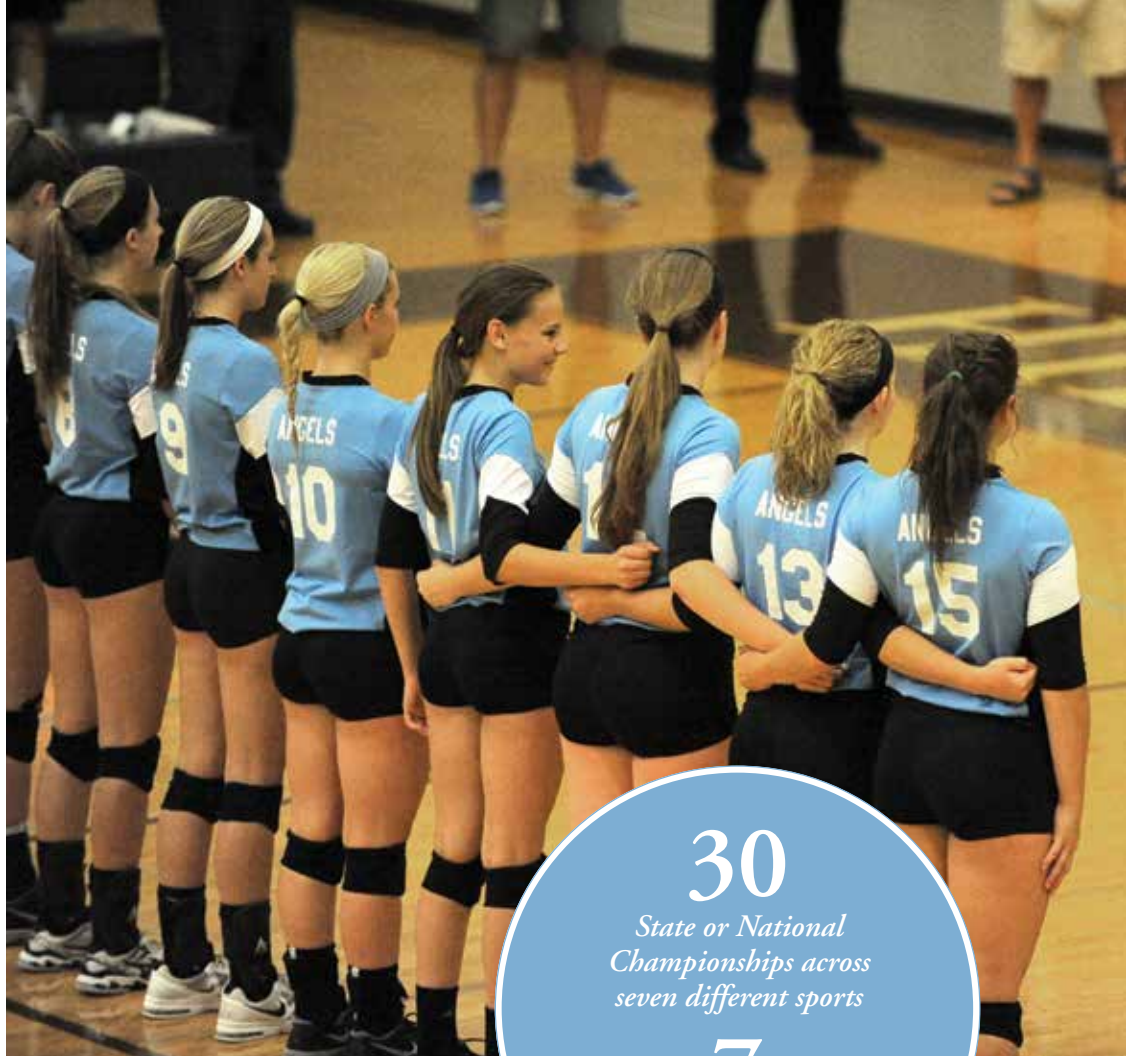
## Boys Sports

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Football  
Golf  
Ice Hockey  
Soccer  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Track & Field  
Volleyball  
Wrestling

## Girls Sports

Basketball  
Cheerleading  
Cross Country  
Dance Team  
Golf  
Soccer  
Softball  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Track & Field  
Volleyball





**30**  
*State or National Championships across seven different sports*

**7**  
*Current Professional Athletes*



Current Senior Aidan Tyrell will continue his baseball career at the University of Notre Dame.

**Athletic Achievement**

*13 Football State Championships (Illinois High School Record)*

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*3 Volleyball State Championships*

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*3 Baseball State Championships*

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*1 Golf State Championship*

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*6 Pom-poms National Championships*

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*2 Cheerleading National Championships*

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*2 Basketball National Championships*

# A TRADITION OF... **COMMUNITY & SERVICE**

The JCA family consists of nearly 700 current students, their parents and families, faculty and staff, and over 22,700 alumni, led by the Franciscan Sisters and Carmelite Priests.

Our most recent capital campaign, “Honoring our Past, Building our Future,” raised over \$1.5 million, furnishing the school with new windows, updated Wi-Fi infrastructure, and the creation of the beautiful new Heritage Quad. Heritage Quad brings the iconic “Victory Light” back to campus, and provides an area for all within the JCA community to gather and celebrate our rich traditions.



**93%**

*of Students Participate in  
Extra-Curricular Activities*

**30+**

*Clubs and After-School  
Programs Offered*





## Clubs, Organizations and Activities

Anime Club  
Art & Literary Magazine  
Bass Fishing Club  
Book Club  
Color Guard  
Drama Club  
Fall Play  
French Club  
French National Honor Society  
Habitat for Humanity  
Hillzone  
History Club  
Improv Troupe  
International Thespian Troupe 1046  
Intramural Sports  
Jazz Ensemble  
Key Club  
Latin Club  
Latin National Honor Society  
Leo Club  
Math National Honor Society  
Math Team  
Movie Club  
Musical Theatre Troupe  
National Art Honor Society  
National Honor Society  
Percussion Ensemble  
Photography Club  
Psychology Club  
Respect Life Club  
Scholastic Bowl  
Science Club  
Spanish Club  
Spanish National Honor Society  
Spring Musical  
Student Ambassadors  
Student Council  
Student Newspaper  
Tech Club  
Tri-M Music Honor Society  
Varsity Club  
Victory View Media  
Vocal Ensemble  
Weight Room



# LEVERAGED FINANCIAL AID

At Joliet Catholic Academy, we are committed to granting access to as many families as possible. In fact, no student at JCA pays 100% of the cost of education.

How do we do this? Three ways; First, through the **JCA Endowment** supported by our generous donor base on an annual level. Second, through merit-based scholarship for **Top Entrance Exam Scorers** and Leadership Awards in the **JCA Heritage Award Program**. And finally, through other supporting activities and annual fundraisers such as **Jubilate**.

Therefore, the cost of tuition has already been supplemented for every Joliet Catholic Academy student. Instead of passing on the full cost of education, families pay no more than 90% of the cost to educate. This commitment to providing an affordable education, that is accessible to ALL Will County-area families, is foundational to the mission of Joliet Catholic Academy.

As a result of this continued commitment, the leadership of JCA is launching a new and exciting program that will help grant access to a high-quality Catholic education to more families. This new program is Leveraged Financial Aid.

Leveraged Financial is just that...leveraged. We match your tuition rate to your family's unique, financial position. Thus, the tuition at Joliet Catholic Academy is not one-size-fits-all, it's a range...a range that spans from about 25% to 90% of the full cost of this high-quality Catholic education. Families interested in Leveraged Financial Aid simply submit a financial profile to FACTS, a confidential, third-party online service. Based on a recommendation to our administration, your leveraged financial aid is confirmed. It's as easy as that.

**Think you can't afford a quality Catholic education? Think again.**

With Leveraged Financial Aid at Joliet Catholic Academy, an excellent Catholic education has never been more accessible.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.jca-online.org](http://www.jca-online.org) or call the Admissions Office to schedule a time to meet.

Regards,

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## Tuition for the 2017-2018 School Year

**\$11,800 for the first student**

**\$10,570 for the second student** (\$1,230 discount)

**\$9,340 for the third student** (\$2,460 discount)

**No charge for a fourth student** (\$11,800 discount)

## Tuition payment options

Payments can be made via credit card or automatic bank transfers. Other options are available and arranged through the Business Office. JCA offers a variety of payment options:

- Full payment
- Bi-annual payments
- Quarterly payments
- Monthly installments

Check out our Leveraged Financial Aid video on YouTube at the Joliet Catholic Academy channel

## Leveraged Financial Aid

Granting access to a high-quality, Catholic education to more families

