



DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO
RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this year 2022, when we are presented with great challenges and opportunities in education, we have been pleased to begin a dialogue between the Diocese of San Bernardino and the Riverside County Office of Education. We share a commitment to bettering the lives of Riverside County's young people through education. We know that the journey in education begins early, in the years before kindergarten, and extends all the way through the completion of higher education or technical school.

Our recent discussions have revealed several areas of mutual concern, including early literacy, mental health, graduation rates, college enrollment and others. We also share the ongoing belief that parents are critical co-partners in the education and formation of children. So, we commit ourselves to serving families and providing resources for their success in education and beyond.

More than a decade ago, the Diocese began an effort to collaborate with local educational institutions to promote shared values of education among the Catholic community. This led to the creation of the Diocesan Education Initiative (DEI) to animate a collaborative effort between the faith-based community and public education. Today, in our respective leadership roles, we affirm this commitment to work together and to engage other important stakeholders in the education and faith communities of Riverside County in the DEI.

Let us offer our prayers for the success of this renewed effort, that it enlightens the educational journey of our young people and helps them live out their God-given potential.

In hope,

Most Reverend Alberto Rojas
Bishop of San Bernardino

Dr. Edwin Gomez
Riverside County Superintendent of Schools