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Dear Catholic School Parents,

This year, Catholic Schools Week marks its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the theme "United in Faith and Community." Those core values can be found in Catholic schools across the nation. Catholic schools teach students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples, and enriched citizens in our communities. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed and it is the reason families make sacrifices to provide their children with an authentic Catholic education.

As parents, your decision to send your child to a Catholic school reflects a family commitment to a quality education that embraces the whole student—mind, body, spirit, and soul. In a Catholic school, Christ is the reason for the school and His presence guides instruction in all academic areas. I invite you to join in the Catholic Schools Week celebration as we recognize the tradition of excellence in schools throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Thank you for making Catholic education a priority in your child's life. Our Catholic schools are part of our future as a Church and as a nation. May God bless them, as well as all the important work you do as a parent, alongside teachers and staff, to educate the mind and shape the heart.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki

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