



DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Dear Families and Friends,

Beginning on January 28, 2018, our nation celebrates Catholic School Week. This year's theme focuses on "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." This theme illuminates the fact that our Catholic schools are communities of academic excellence, dedicated to service and leadership, with the ultimate goal to provide successful, faith-filled leaders in our society and our Church.

We are blessed in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to have so many individuals who have made strong commitments to Catholic education and its mission of teaching the message of Jesus Christ. Our Catholic schools have a strong legacy of commitment to education, and we are proud that all schools are vibrant faith communities where Catholic truths are both witnessed and experienced. Our schools produce graduates whose love for wisdom and truth lead to a world view infused with Catholic values and traditions. Our schools are part of the dramatic missionary growth taking place in our diocese.

The theme focuses on key elements of Catholic education: academic excellence, faith development, and dedicated leadership and service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families make sacrifices to provide their children with a Catholic education.

I encourage you to visit one of our schools in Nassau or Suffolk County and see firsthand the wonderful things which go on each and every day! I am grateful to our pastors, administrators, teachers, staff, and parents who make our schools a success.

Catholic Schools Week is a good time for all of us to be thankful for the gift of Catholic education!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathleen Walsh