



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is with joy, enthusiasm, and purpose-driven mission, that I invite you to celebrate **National Catholic Schools Week** from January 26, 2020 through February 1, 2020. Together, we recognize the extraordinary contribution that our Catholic schools across Long Island make by forming young missionary disciples on fire with love for our Lord Jesus and the mission of the Catholic Church.

At the same time, we recognize our collective responsibility towards the future of Catholic education in our Diocese. Enrollment and investment in our Catholic schools depends on the leadership of each individual Catholic. Our willingness to witness to the transformative and destiny-changing experience of Catholic education to the families we meet makes all the difference.

Pope Saint John Paul II once said: "In order that the Catholic school and the Catholic teacher may truly make their irreplaceable contribution to the Church and to the world, the goal of Catholic education itself must be crystal clear. Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others".

In Catholic Schools Week 2020, our Catholic schools recommit themselves to helping parents and extended families form successful, servant leaders who help drive *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island and beyond.

Be assured of my prayers for our shared mission and gratitude for your efforts.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



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Greetings,

Catholic Schools Week is a time to celebrate and share all the wonderful opportunities that our schools provide for students and their families. The supportive environment that is found in each of our schools is second to none!

Our schools are faith communities within whose walls extraordinary people are working to build the Kingdom of God. Our faith adds a dimension to learning that creates a personal relationship with God that will grow throughout a student's life. The gift of a Catholic education would not be possible without the deep level of commitment and sacrifice from our parents, parishioners, pastors, staff, and broader communities.

Thank you for entrusting to us the academic and spiritual education of your child. We are filled with gratitude for your passion and commitment for Catholic education.

I'd like to invite you to take some time to visit our schools during Catholic Schools Week. Come and see the many programs our students are engaged in that enable them to compete and excel in the world today. Come and see first handedly the quality instruction and academic rigor that is present in our classrooms each and every day. Experience the joy of the gospel alive in our schools and see what a difference a Catholic school education makes!

Thank you for your support!

Wishing you God's blessings,

Dr. Kathleen Walsh

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