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## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

### Catholic Schools Week 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits. As we approach the joyous occasion of Catholic Schools Week, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible community that makes up our Catholic schools. It is a time for us to come together, reflect on our shared values, and celebrate the unique gifts that Catholic education offers to our students.

Catholic Schools Week is not just a week-long event; it is a reminder of the commitment we have made to provide a Catholic education that nurtures the mind, body, and spirit of our young learners. The theme for this year's celebration, "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community", encapsulates the essence of our mission to instill knowledge, promote service to others, foster leadership skills, and ultimately empower our students to succeed in all aspects of their lives.

Throughout the week, our schools will be hosting a variety of activities and events that showcase the exceptional qualities of Catholic education. From special liturgical celebrations to service projects that give back to our local communities, each day will offer opportunities for our students to engage in the values that define our faith.

I encourage you to actively participate in the festivities with your children, attend school events, and join in the celebration of Masses dedicated to the role of Catholic education in shaping the future leaders of our Church and society. Your presence and involvement make a significant impact on the sense of community within our schools.

As parents, you play a primary, vital role in the success of our children. Your support, encouragement, and commitment to the values of Catholic education contribute greatly to the formation of well-rounded individuals who carry the light of Christ into the world. I am deeply grateful for your partnership in this sacred mission.

May Catholic Schools Week be a time of joy, reflection, and inspiration for you and your family. Let us join together in prayer, thanksgiving, and celebration as we continue to build a strong foundation for the future of our Church through the education of our children. Please share the good news of Catholic education with your friends and neighbors so we can continue to build up our schools and change our society and Church for the better!

Wishing you and your loved ones abundant blessings during this special week and throughout the entire school year.

I will keep you and your families in my prayers. Please keep me in your prayers as well.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
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