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Dear Parents,

It was my great pleasure to celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows at the Opening of School Mass on Friday. It was very special for me to celebrate this day with your children and the St. Bartholomew faculty and staff. The 8th grade students hosted the Mass and provided a beautiful experience for all who attended.

After Mass I had the privilege to visit the PreK-4 and Kindergarten classrooms and meet the students and teachers. I was very impressed to see the quality teaching and learning happening there! It filled my heart with joy to see the smiles and the appreciation of learning taking place at your child's school. I thank you for choosing St. Bartholomew School where your child can experience this learning and live his/her Catholic faith.

I have read all of the cards that were made for me and will cherish the thoughtful messages. I am also enjoying the biscotti, and I will wear my new St. Bart's shirt with great pride.

I am grateful to Reverend Walsh, Mrs. Craig, and the faculty and staff for their dedication to providing an academically excellent Catholic education for all students. We are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with parents as we help the children grow as Disciples of Christ.

I pray that your family will have a wonderful school year while we look and pray to Our Lady for the hope and love that we all need in our lives. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family, and I hope you will keep me in your prayers as well.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen