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Dear Catholic School Parents,

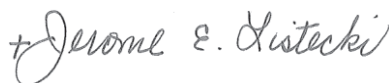
Every year as thousands of schools across the country celebrate *Catholic Schools Week*, I can't help but think of the profound impact Catholic education has had on individuals, families and on society at large. Through Catholic education, we have raised up generations of competent, faithful, Catholic leaders, who live the Gospel message at home, at work, and in their communities. This year I invite you to join the celebration as we recognize the tradition of excellence in schools throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Early in your children's lives, you instilled values in them. By choosing Catholic education now you demonstrate how much you value the teachings of Jesus being present in their lives as they continue to learn and grow. As St. Teresa of Avila said, "All things must come to the soul from its roots; from where it is planted." Our Catholic schools share your family's values, and that's why we strive to intertwine the importance of faith, academics and service into each and every classroom activity, project and assignment.

This week, it's also important to recognize Catholic school teachers and staff who share our commitment to faith formation and academic excellence. Catholic school faculties lead by example and provide our students with superior academic preparation that include lessons of faith and service to the community.

During *Catholic Schools Week*, please take the time to thank and honor the Catholic school teachers and staff who make a difference in your child's life. Thank you for your continued support of our Catholic schools. May God bless you and your family. Have a blessed *Catholic Schools Week*!

Faithfully in Christ,



Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee

