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Dear Catholic School Parents,

Every year during *Catholic Schools Week*, we celebrate the many things that make Catholic education special and honor all those who contribute to the excellence of our schools, including you – the parents.

The theme for the 2010 *Catholic Schools Week* is “Catholic Schools: Dividends For Life.” Catholic schools are all about faith, knowledge, morals and discipline – dividends that prepare students for success today and in the future. As you will hear me say over and over again, Catholic education is an education you can have faith in. Catholic schools teach your children not only reading and math, but how to live the Gospel in their daily lives.

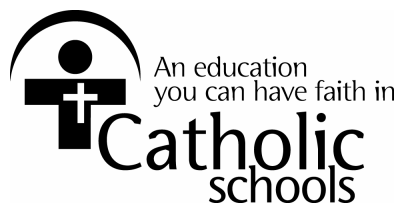
When you decided to send your children to a Catholic school, you invested in their future. You showed them that it is important to have the teachings of Jesus in your students’ school life. You taught them that faith, knowledge, morals and discipline are indeed dividends for life. The commitment you show when you give to your children’s school is important too, whether it is time spent volunteering at school festivals, fundraisers or in the classroom. For all of these things, I thank you.

It is also important to remember all of the teachers and staff who provide your children with superior education and act as living examples of faith-filled lives. The lessons taught by our faculty are as basic as leading respectfully in the classroom or on the playground or as difficult as working for social justice. Fundraisers, food and clothing drives, participating in team events and frequent worship opportunities are just some of the ways your children are inspired to live a Christ-like life through their Catholic education.

During *Catholic Schools Week*, please take time to thank and honor the Catholic school teachers and staff making a difference in your children’s lives and in the world.

Thank you for your continued support of our Catholic schools. God bless you and your family. Have a blessed *Catholic Schools Week*!

Faithfully in Christ,



+ Jerome E. Listecki

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