Dear Friends,

Every January, we celebrate Catholic education nationwide during Catholic Schools Week.

Because of *Encountering Christ*, our families and schools have even more reason to celebrate — \$5 million in campaign gifts will be directed to tuition assistance.

Although many families realize the value of a Catholic education, they simply cannot afford the cost of tuition. Your gifts to *Encountering Christ* will help reduce this challenge and provide more children access to Catholic schools. This tuition assistance will ensure Catholic education is available and affordable to all.

Like this campaign, Catholic schools strengthen the diocese, as they are integral to building the church and forming disciples and future church leaders. Our schools also strengthen families. Children take their classroom encounters with Christ home, often transforming their parents and empowering them in their faith.

Thank you for supporting *Encountering Christ* and Catholic education.

Blessings,

Misty Poe

Superintendent