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Dear Friends,

Kindergarten registration will soon be held in the elementary schools of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board. I know that you believe, as I do, that publicly funded Catholic education is a sacred gift – one which we in Ontario are blessed to have.

Catholic education in Ontario is also a special right, which we must not take for granted. To ensure a strong and vibrant Catholic education system for the future, we must do all that we can to support it. In this period of declining enrollment, it is particularly important that every Catholic parent know and value the uniqueness of Catholic education, when they are selecting a school community for their children.

I believe that for Catholic families, Catholic education is the right choice. It rests on a foundational principle that education is a partnership between the home, school, and parish – one which is rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, through which God works to grow and strengthen the faith of our young people, who will be tomorrow's leaders in our parishes and our communities.

To the parents preparing to enroll children in one of the Kindergarten classes, I pray that God will bless you as you choose the school community which is best for your children. To all members of our parishes, I thank you for your support of Catholic education. I pray that we all continue to support our Catholic schools and that they will continue to flourish in the future.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB*

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