Catholic Schools Week 2021

Dear Catholic Schools’ Communities:

It is truly my honor and privilege to serve the Diocese of Knoxville as your Superintendent of Catholic Schools. I am blessed to witness the excellence of Catholic school education and the difference it makes in each student’s life every day! Sunday, January 31 ushers in the beginning of our annual celebration of Catholic Schools’ Week. It is wonderful to have a week set aside to recognize with gratitude and joy the amazing gift of our Catholic schools. Our schools are truly gifts of eternal value to our families, their students, and their local communities. Catholic school education would not be possible without the special commitment of our parishes, the unique partnership of our parents and educators, and the steadfast vision of our leaders to foster a challenging and positive learning environment for all children. Thank you for your support and dedication to the ministry of Catholic School education!

This year the theme of Catholic school’s week is Faith, Excellence, Service. This theme mirrors our own mission to prepare scholars, leaders, and saints. Because our Catholic school mission is so clear: teach children the truth, develop the whole child—mind, body, soul, and cultivate an environment of love, respect, and personal self-discipline, the resulting end is a place where students thrive and can excel in all of their pursuits! This foundation lights the way to a bright future for our students! Our Catholic schools have the lofty aspiration to build the kingdom of heaven one student at a time, but first they are providing the gift of education to one student and the gift of hope to one family at a time.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and commitment to our Catholic Schools. We could not do this ministry without you! Have a blessed and joyful Catholic Schools Week!

In Christ,

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