



THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Catholic School Administrators and Staff Members,

I write to take this occasion during Catholic Schools Week to express my sincere gratitude for your dedication, service, and faithful witness in our Catholic schools. Through your daily commitment, you carry forward a vital ministry of the Church: the formation of young people in faith, knowledge, and service as disciples of Jesus.

Your work is far more than a profession; it is a ministry. In the classroom, in administration, and in the countless moments that go unseen, you give generous witness to your own discipleship by the way you teach, lead, and care for those entrusted to you. You help students to encounter Jesus not only through instruction, but through your example and compassion.

I am deeply aware of the sacrifices you make in service to this mission. Please know of the Church's profound appreciation and commitment, and my own as well, to supporting you in this essential ministry. Your work advances the mission of the Church and strengthens us as Members of the Body of Christ throughout the nine counties of our Diocese.

Be assured of my prayers for you and for all who serve in Catholic education. May the Lord renew you in hope and grant you joy and strength as you continue this important work. With gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Edward M. Lohse

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