



THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Catholic School Parents and Families,

It is with deep gratitude for your commitment to Catholic education and for the trust you place in our Catholic schools that I wish you a happy Catholic Schools Week. I am keenly aware of the sacrifice and dedication required of you in choosing a Catholic school for your children, by which you affirm not only the importance of academic excellence but also the vital role of faith formation, moral grounding, and service to others.

Catholic schools are an essential part of the Church's mission. They are places where our students encounter Jesus, where the Gospel is lived and taught, and where young people are formed to become disciples of Christ. Your role as parents as the primary educators of faith for your children is indispensable to this mission.

Please know of the Church's steadfast dedication to Catholic education. We remain committed to supporting our schools, our educators, and our families so that Catholic schools may grow and thrive for years to come. Through the dedication and vision of various task forces and initiatives across the diocese, we are seeking to secure the future growth of our schools, so that Catholic schools will remain a powerful witness to the Gospel and a source of blessing for generations to come.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families and for the Catholic School community throughout the Diocese. With gratitude and every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Edward M. Lohse

The Most Reverend Edward M. Lohse, JCD
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