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Dear Parishioners,

As we begin this Catholic Schools Week, I am reminded of our abundant gratitude for our incredible Pastor, Father Matthew, our loving parish priests, our wonderful families, our outstanding faculty and staff, and our supportive parishioners. They comprise a special school community that is united, as one, in our mission: to provide an all-encompassing spiritual, academic, social and emotional education and foundation for our children.

This special week also reminds me of *my own time* as a child in Catholic school. Although it feels like my 8th Grade graduation was "just a few years ago" - the truth is that many years have passed since 1990; 32 years to be exact!

And through all of those years, we have witnessed many changes in society...

Who ever would have thought we would have a mobile phone that is capable of doing....well, anything?! Could we ever have imagined "the internet" and the instant communication and sharing of ideas that takes place today? Would anyone have imagined "social media" - we would not have even known what that meant!

Yes, we have seen our way of life shift in almost every way, there is no denying that...

***But what hasn't changed?***

What might seem like a tough question to answer is actually rather simple - and we only need to look within our heart to find the answer...

Our love for God our Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth, has not changed.  
Our desire to follow the model of Jesus Christ, His only Son, has not changed.  
Our need for the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit has not changed.  
Our devotion to our faith has not changed.  
The powerful emotion we feel for our family members has not changed.  
The drive to protect, love and nurture our children has not changed.  
And our desire to live good, wholesome, happy lives has not changed.

So while *society* has indeed changed, maybe *we* haven't changed as much as we thought. Perhaps we are the same Church and *Body of Christ* that has always been - devoted to our Lord, thankful for all He gives us, willing to sacrifice ourselves for the betterment of others. That hasn't changed.

Let us all pray, during this Catholic Schools Week, that we may never change what is within our heart.

***"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8***

In Christ,  
Mr. Viceroy  
Principal