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Dear Parents,

Each year, during *Catholic Schools Week*, we celebrate what makes Catholic education special and pay tribute to those who foster our schools' excellence. The theme for the 2009 *Catholic Schools Week* is "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service." What an appropriate focus!

It is our Catholic schools that teach young people how to live the Gospel through their actions, not just their words. Each and every day, the teachers and staff lead by example and instill strong Christian values into the next generation.

If you want your child's education to reflect your faith and values, I encourage you to consider a Catholic school. Your choice will send the message that you value an education that is grounded in the Gospel Message -- a message that is woven into every aspect of the school day -- from the curriculum to spiritual formation to extracurricular activities. Christ's presence is evident in our Catholic schools.

In addition to an education deeply rooted in faith, Catholic schools also offer extensive and competitive academics. Catholic high school graduates pursue higher education at a rate of 96%. This is because our teachers set the bar high and students deliver. Additionally, Catholic schools are safe, nurturing environments that foster success. In Catholic schools, teachers and parents are equally vested in the success of each and every child.

Tour a Catholic school and speak with the faculty, staff and parents. You will witness the Catholic school advantage. God bless you and your family as you consider this important decision for your child.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee

