



# Diocese of Palm Beach

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January 15, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual collection in support of Catholic Schools will take place on the weekend of January 22 and 23.

Here in the Diocese of Palm Beach we are blessed with 17 Catholic schools and nearly 565 educators who serve more than 6,400 students. Our Diocesan Office of Education assists with finding well-qualified school leaders, aids in the professional growth of these leaders and provides direction in areas of institutional and academic growth while ensuring safety, accreditation and certification.

The mission of Catholic schools is to form young Catholic Christians who become strong in their faith who are, ultimately, academically and spiritually equipped to become vibrant leaders in the Church. We have so many wonderful young people who comprise the family of faith in our Catholic schools here in the Diocese of Palm Beach. Your outreach of generosity toward this collection in support of our Catholic schools will enhance our ability to provide resources not only for needy students, but for strategic planning for the future of our schools, as well as needed maintenance and updating.

Last year this collection generated \$107,988.00. Your continued support toward our Diocesan Catholic schools is very much needed! With your help, I know we will succeed!

With gratitude for your generosity, and with assurance of my prayers for you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito  
Bishop of Palm Beach

**Note to Pastors:**

**Please publish this letter in the parish bulletin or have it read at all Masses on the weekend of January 15 & 16**