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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual collection in support of Catholic Schools will take place next weekend on January 21 and 22. The mission of Catholic schools is to form young Catholic Christians to become stronger in their faith and to be academically and spiritually equipped so they may become vibrant leaders in the Church.

We are blessed in the Diocese of Palm Beach to have 21 Catholic schools and preschools with a multitude of dedicated educators who serve more than 6,000 students. Our Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools assists in finding well-qualified school leaders and aids in the professional growth of these leaders. It provides direction in areas of institutional and academic growth while ensuring safety, accreditation and certification.

The academic curriculum at our schools is strong, and continues to grow stronger as programs are added, classroom practices become more innovative and new technology is implemented. All of this is to ensure that our schools are competitive and students are well-prepared for the future. Above all, providing a Catholic education includes teaching our faith and traditions to our children in their daily classrooms.

Your generosity toward this collection in support of our Catholic schools will enhance our ability to provide resources for all students, including our needy students. It also will provide for strategic planning for the future of our schools, needed maintenance and updating.

Your continued support toward our Diocesan Catholic schools is very much needed and appreciated.

With gratitude for your generosity, and with every prayerful wish, 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 14 & 15.