



## Diocese of Palm Beach

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Next weekend, January 10/11, funds to support Catholic education will be collected at all parishes in the Diocese of Palm Beach. This annual second collection will follow the theme of “Live the Light of Christ” that guides administrators, staff, students and families in our Diocese’s 20 schools, including three high schools, three preschools, two private schools and 12 elementary schools.

The Church has a long history of passing on Christ’s Gospel from generation to generation through Catholic education, which has brought hope to tens of thousands of lives. Our schools instill Catholic values that will stay with our young people throughout their entire lives. The more than 7,200 students enrolled in our schools learn to respect others, develop a sense of community, and carry out the mission of care and service, just as Jesus did.

I urge all parishioners to give the gift of faith to a student interested in attending a Catholic school in our Diocese. This collection provides funding for programs and resources that may otherwise be out of reach. Thank you so much for your prayers and gifts to assist the students and families in our Catholic schools.

With gratitude for your continued generosity and every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito  
Bishop of Palm Beach