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Dear Catholic School Families,

Greetings – and Happy New Year to each of you!

January is a time when many of our Catholic school families begin planning for the next school year. Open houses, registrations, entrance exams, and paperwork are all part of the process. Of course, this process is well worth it, especially when considering the tremendous benefits of Catholic school education in helping parents to prepare their children to lead successful, rewarding lives and to bring into today's challenging world a living and active faith. This education is rooted in the sacramental life of the Church, which animates and perfects all our academic and formative efforts, and so the active participation of parents in the life of the local parish community is essential to its success. Active participation in parish life takes many forms, including regular Sunday Mass attendance and financial support in the form of regular envelope contributions.

January is also a time when schools prepare for the coming school year, including setting tuition rates. *Many schools offer discounted rates to Registered, Active, Participating members of diocesan parishes. Definitions of registered, active, participating memberships vary by parish; it is up to each individual pastor to decide the policy for his community. For your high school children to receive the Catholic rate for the 2019-2020 school year, the pastor of your home parish must certify that you are an active member. Please check directly with your pastor if you have any questions about your family's status.*

Thank you for entrusting your children into the care of our Catholic schools. May God's peace and every blessing be yours in abundance throughout this New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Harry A. Plummer
Superintendent of Schools