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**Catholic Schools Week**

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate the hope of our Church and the hope of our nation – our children and youth. Through our schools, young people come together as a community of faith. They pray. They meet Jesus Christ. They grow as children of the Father, and take their part in the apostolic mission of the Church.

During these challenging times, the leaders of tomorrow are learning in our Catholic school classrooms today. Armed with a strong foundation in the faith, they will shape and guide the future. As our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has proclaimed, “A faith-based education nurtures the soul of a nation.”

Thank you for your support of this vital work of the Church. Let us continue to do all we can to see that our schools remain strong, forming children in the Faith for generations to come.

In Christ and Mary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Finn".

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