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For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ~1 Thessalonians 4:14

Dear Catholic School Communities,

As the joyous occasion of Easter approaches, I send my prayers and warmest greetings to each of you. Easter is a time of renewal, hope, and reflection, reminding us of the profound love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ that underpins our faith. As headlines and social media continue to deliver challenging narratives and images, one might have the sense that this Easter is coming just in time.

I pray we come together as a community bound by the values of compassion, kindness, and empathy. May this season serve as a reminder of the importance of fostering love and understanding in our hearts and homes, and in our classrooms where knowledge is nurtured, and minds are shaped by committed and faithful educators.

To our cherished families, may this Easter be a time of togetherness and renewal, strengthening the bonds that unite us and reaffirming our shared values and beliefs. Thank you once again for the collective sacrifices you make to provide your children with a Catholic education.

To our dedicated pastors, administrators, and teachers, thank you for your unwavering commitment to our sacred mission of providing quality education based upon the teachings of Christ. Your dedication inspires and uplifts us all, and I am deeply grateful for your tireless efforts in guiding our students towards academic excellence and spiritual growth.

As we prepare to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord, let us carry the spirit of Easter with us every day, spreading love, hope, and joy wherever we go.

Wishing you all a blessed and Happy Easter!

Sr. Mary Grace Walsh