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Dear Families,

As we gather to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, my heart is filled with gratitude for the gift of community that lies at the heart of our Catholic schools. Together, we are a family of faith, hope, and love—one that walks side by side, supporting one another, growing in Christ, and inspiring the next generation to shine His light in our world.

This week invites us to pause and reflect on the values that make our Catholic schools such a treasure. It's a time to celebrate the unity that binds us as one family in Christ. This year's theme, "*Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community*," reminds us that our mission goes far beyond academics. It is about nurturing every student entrusted to us, helping them to discover their God-given potential.

Our Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York continue to stand as beacons of hope in a world of uncertainty and challenge. Rooted in the teachings of Christ, they provide a foundation of faith-filled education, service, and academic excellence that prepares our students to become compassionate leaders and faithful witnesses to the Gospel. During this Jubilee Year—a time of renewal and grace—we are inspired to carry forward this sacred mission with hearts full of hope and trust in the transforming power of Catholic education.

Throughout Catholic Schools Week, our schools host various events and activities that highlight the beauty of our shared mission. From moments of prayer and worship that deepen our connection to God to acts of service that remind us of the joy of giving, each experience is an opportunity to live out the Gospel values we hold dear.

I encourage you, our families, to join us at these celebrations. Your presence—at school events, liturgies, and service projects—is a testament to the strength of our Catholic school family. Together, we create a vibrant community where young people see their faith lived out and grow in the knowledge that God deeply loves them.

Let this week be a time to rejoice in our student's achievements and the spirit of belonging and purpose that defines our Catholic school community. I invite you to share the joy and blessings of Catholic education with others, extending an open invitation to those seeking a place where faith and learning come together to transform lives.

May this Catholic Schools Week fill your hearts with joy, deepen the bonds of our community, and renew our shared commitment to nurturing faith, love, and hope in every student. May God bless you abundantly this week, throughout the school year, and in this Jubilee Year of grace and renewal.

Sincerely, in Christ,

Sr. Mary Grace Walsh, ASCJ, Ph.D.
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