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In this Jubilee Year of Hope, Christ, who is our hope, indeed calls all of us to come together, that we might be that true living example: the light of hope in the world today. - Pope Leo XIV, June 14, 2025

June 20, 2025
Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Jubilee Year

Dear Members of our Catholic School Communities within the Archdiocese:

As we enter the summer season, it is a fitting time to pause and reflect on the blessings of the past academic year. We thank God for each of you and the many gifts you have shared with about 50,000 students entrusted to our care in the Archdiocese of New York.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our school parents, clergy, benefactors, administrators, faculty, staff, and volunteers. Your tireless dedication, selfless sacrifices, and unwavering commitment help our young people grow into the fullness of their potential—in Christ! You are true witnesses to the light of hope shining in today's world.

While this academic year brought its share of challenges, disappointments, and the sadness of farewells—whether to beloved colleagues, students, or schools—we are reminded by Sacred Scripture that “hope does not disappoint.” (Romans 5:5) God's grace continues to move among us, offering the courage to begin anew after this upcoming season of rest and renewal.

As we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 27, I invite you to reflect on this message from Pope Leo XIV:

“I would like to invite all of you to take a moment, to open up your own hearts to God, to God's love, to that peace which only the Lord can give us. To feel how deeply beautiful, how strong, how meaningful the love of God is in our lives. And to recognize that while we do nothing to earn God's love, God in His own generosity continues to pour out His love upon us. And as He gives us His love, He only asks us to be generous and to share what He has given us with others.” —Pope Leo XIV, June 14, 2025

Please know that I will hold you in grateful prayer throughout the summer months.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sr. Mary Grace Walsh, ASCJ, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools