



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD AND DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

"This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him."

1 John 4: 9-10

Dear Friends in Catholic Education:

The Advent Season and a new Liturgical Year have arrived. Our Catholic community is busy with preparations to rejoice in the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our schools, offices and parishes gather in prayer, reflection and celebration. This is a joyful time of year during which we are reminded of the sanctity of life and the importance of faith and family in our day-to-day routines.

Our Catholic traditions help our students focus on the true meaning of the Advent Season. We demonstrate the virtue of charity by selflessly giving to those less fortunate. Collections for the needy, donations to food banks and volunteer work in shelters are just some of the ways we encourage students to live their faith, be responsible citizens and caring family members. Our sacrifices are symbolic of God's love for us by sending his only Son so that we might live through Him.

We are grateful to our parishes and spiritual leaders for spiritual guidance at a time of year when we can be so easily distracted. We thank all those who organize and contribute to the community service and collections. Providing a balance to their efforts are the wonderful displays, concerts and productions enjoyed by so many.

May you give and live the gift of faith. May the light of His love shine upon you and your families at Christmas and always. We pray that those who are suffering find comfort, solace and healing. We ask you to remember in your prayers all those around the world who are experiencing strife in their lives, so that they may find reconciliation and peace. May you enjoy good health and happiness in your journey of faith, hope and charity. Whether you celebrate Christmas on December 25th or January 7th, Merry Christmas!

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*P.S. Watch the December video of The Director's Voice on the link below:
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