

Dear Friends in Christ,

We enter Catholic Schools Week today with much to celebrate! Schools throughout the Diocese of Charleston are doing an exceptional job educating our youth and helping to strengthen their foundation of faith.

From 9:00 a.m., Jan. 30 (TODAY) through 9:00 a.m. Jan. 31, we are offered the opportunity to invest in our children and our schools during a **24 hour Giving Day**. We will be asking people from around the state to show their support for Catholic education by making a donation to the school of their choice. Gifts of any amount are welcomed and appreciated. All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Charleston can be found at https://ncea.manygifts.giving.factsmgt.com/home.

We live in a time where our culture seems to stand against all that we know to be true and right. Therefore, it is our obligation to protect the intellectual and spiritual authenticity of our children. As faithful Catholics, we must ensure that our children are educated in a Christ-centered environment that is safe, nurturing and welcoming. In our Catholic Schools, we focus on both the mind and the heart. By instilling respect for self and others, discipline and the value of service, our schools are helping to set children on the path towards holiness.

Please prayerfully consider an investment in our students and our Catholic schools. There is much to celebrate. **Catholic Schools...now more than ever.**

God bless you and thank you for your prayers and generous support.

Please enjoy this promotional video for this 2018 Giving Day! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMpbphRKY_U

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston