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The Year of Saint Paul

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is my hope and prayer that this short letter finds you well and at least somewhat rested as the summer winds down. As you may know, I was very blessed to have spent some time in Australia this summer, attending the many events of and teaching at World Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI, many young people from our diocese, and hundreds-of-thousands of pilgrims from throughout the world. My constant prayer is that the young men and women attending World Youth Day will gain a greater appreciation for, a deeper understanding of, and a renewed dedication to live their faith.

Truly living our faith necessarily means making important choices. There are few choices in life as important as deciding where to send your children to school. A child's education impacts the rest of his or her life. If you have not yet decided where your children will be attending school this fall, **I urge you to consider Catholic schools.**

I know that as parents, you want only the best for your children. For Catholic parents, this means not only wanting excellent academics, but also wanting your children to learn values and doctrines by which they can live their lives as upstanding men and women who will meet with great success and give back to society, enriching their own lives and the lives of others. This faith-based education occurs in Catholic schools.

While preparing your child for future success, Catholic schools teach your child to lead a Christ-centered life. Catholic schools nurture the whole child, in every dimension, providing religious instruction and integrating excellent academics with opportunities to live the faith each and every day.

The mark of Catholic schools is their constant emphasis on the inherent dignity of each student. Catholic schools strive to develop, as a whole person, every child who walks through their doors. This is something that government schools will not do: develop fully the God given potential of each child, including his or her need for God.

It's not too late to enroll your children in one of our outstanding Catholic schools. I invite you to visit our website for school locations and encourage you to contact the principal, tour the school and speak with parents of current students. Think about what you want for your children and, as with all things, consult God in prayer. I know that you'll find that Catholic schools are the answer.

As always, I am,

Faithfully yours in Christ,


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