



## Diocese of Palm Beach

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Our Catholic schools, founded by parish churches, dioceses and numerous religious orders to serve generations of Catholics, exist as a treasure of the Church in America. The Catholic School system is the largest private school system in the United States and around the world the Church operates the largest nongovernmental school system.

The week of January 27 – February 2 we will celebrate National Catholic Schools Week to recognize the great accomplishments of our Catholic School system. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2019 is “*Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.*” The Church is most grateful to all the religious men and women and lay teachers who have given so generously of themselves to education generations of Catholic students in mind, body and spirit.

On the weekend of January 12 and 13 the Diocese of Palm Beach will have a second collection to support the mission of our Catholic schools. Last year, through your generosity, we were able to raise \$145,600 to provide tuition assistance to those in need. We ask you to once again join us in giving the gift of faith to a student wishing to attend a Catholic school in the Diocese of Palm Beach.

Thank you very much for your faithful support, your prayers and your gifts to help the students at our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Palm Beach.

With gratitude for your continued generosity and every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito  
Bishop of Palm Beach

**NOTE TO PASTORS: THIS COLLECTION SHOULD OCCUR JANUARY 12 AND 13, 2019. PLEASE PUBLISH THIS LETTER IN THE PARISH BULLETIN OR HAVE IT READ AT ALL MASSES ON JANUARY 5 AND 6, 2019.**