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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

January 29, 2012 marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week throughout the United States. During this week-long celebration, we recognize the precious gift that our Catholic Schools and Early Childhood Centers are to our Diocese.

The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service." This theme succinctly expresses three priorities that reflect the strong Catholic identity of our schools and the excellence in education and faith formation for which they are known. In addition, our schools prepare our students for service to Church and community.

During Catholic Schools Week, our Catholic Schools and Early Childhood Centers will open their doors to the community so that all can share in its culture of faith, academics and service. I encourage you to take part in the many activities that are planned.

Please join me in expressing heartfelt appreciation to the pastors, principals, staffs, faculties, and the many volunteers for the important work they do on behalf of our children and families. May Our Lord Jesus continue to bless them and their ministry to our young people.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Raleigh