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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

For the past three years I have been honored to serve as Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Hartford. These years have been a wonderful culmination of 44 years of service to the Catholic Church including 35 years in Catholic Education here in the Archdiocese of Hartford. It has been a genuine privilege to work with archdiocesan and school leaders, teachers, students, board members, alumni and professional colleagues in advancing the mission of Catholic education, and it is in a spirit of gratitude that I share with you my decision to enter retirement at the close of the current school year.

I would especially like to express my thanks to Archbishop Leonard Blair and Provost of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis, Sr. Mary Grace Walsh, ASCJ, Ph.D., for the opportunity I was given to serve as Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford. It has been a blessing and a source of personal satisfaction to have been a part of many collaborative and successful efforts on behalf of present and future Catholic school students across the archdiocese, including service in earlier years to Northwest Catholic High School and Sacred Heart Academy, in addition to positions in the Dioceses of Fall River and Springfield. While these are challenging times for all Catholic schools, the commitment of the Archdiocese of Hartford, OEEC, pastors, school leaders, school boards and generous benefactors have provided tremendous support to all those engaged in Catholic education, and are sources of great hope as Catholic schools navigate their way toward an ever-important future.

My retirement at the close of this year will enable me to spend some wonderful family time ahead with my wife, Linda, children and four grandchildren. Please know you will all remain in my prayers. In the meantime, there is much work to be done, and I very much look forward to our efforts together through the remainder of the school year.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Catholic Schools

