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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I would like to extend an invitation to all families who are making plans for the education of their children to take part in an extraordinary opportunity on November 5 and November 6, 2014. On those two consecutive days, all of our diocesan Catholic Schools will hold Open Houses with extended hours and tours. I would be most grateful, as well, if parents and grandparents of children already in our schools would encourage other parents to consider visiting a Catholic School on those days and share with them your own experiences of these faith-filled places of learning.

Why consider Catholic Schools? For our ancestors, the immigrants who were strangers on America's shores, Catholic Schools provided an opportunity never before experienced: the chance to receive a high-quality education within the context of our treasured faith. As a result, well-educated children came forth to number themselves among the leaders in many different professions, both civil and ecclesial; many devoted their lives to the Lord as priest, deacons, religious sisters and brothers.

With all of the challenges of the world in the 21st Century, I believe our young people need and desire the high academic standard for which our schools are known, an education in which Christ is the center and which is rooted in our Catholic values. By collaborating with parents in forming their children's faith and character, by working together to allow each child to reach his or her full potential, we can give our young people a firm foundation on which to build their lives, and the internal moral compass necessary to navigate an increasingly complex world.

Please consider attending one of these Open Houses. A complete list can be found at www.dorschools.org. Discover for yourselves what generations of families have come to know: a Catholic education truly is a gift that lasts a lifetime.

With unceasing prayers for you and your children, and humbly asking for a remembrance in your faithful prayers, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

+ Salvatore R. Matano

The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
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