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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The importance of Catholic education for our children cannot be overstated. In his 1979 message to the National Catholic Educational Association, Saint John Paul II wrote, "Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others." Not only are students within the Bosco Catholic School System learning their reading, writing and arithmetic, but, more important, these young men and women also are given the opportunity to experience an education rooted in Catholic values. In this time, the virtues instilled through a Catholic education, and reinforced by parents who choose to provide their children with a Catholic education, are needed more than ever.

Beginning in 1956 when Don Bosco Central Catholic High School was first constructed, the six parishes committed to providing the children of these communities with a Catholic education. You now have the opportunity to reaffirm this commitment to the Bosco Catholic School System as it seeks to continue providing our children and families with the best in Catholic education. Strengthening endowments, offering tuition assistance, upgrading technology and improving facilities will equip teachers with the best tools available to instill in students the skills needed and moral foundation required to thrive as strong, Catholic adults.

Thank you to those of you who have already given so generously. For those who have not yet committed your support, I hope you will prayerfully consider the good that will come from these efforts. Let us also consider Paul's letter to Galatians, "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. (Gal 6:9)"

May God continue to bless you and your families, along with all students and teachers continuing the work of Christ within the Bosco Catholic School System.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michael O. Jackels
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