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Dear Partners in Catholic Education,

On behalf of Aquinas College, I extend heartfelt gratitude to the parents, clergy, and parish communities who make Catholic school education a reality in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. A special thank you to the administrators, teachers, staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure that our students receive a quality education rooted in Catholic teachings.

The theme for the 2015 Catholic Schools Week, *Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service*, clearly articulates the tradition and mission of Catholic education. In our diocese, we are blessed to offer this distinctive education to our young people from preschool through college.

May you have a joyful Catholic Schools Week! It is a unique opportunity to celebrate the successes – both large and small – that our diocesan schools experience.

Sincerely,

Juan R. Olivarez, Ph.D.
President

*“Better to illuminate than merely to shine, to deliver to others contemplated truths than merely to contemplate.”* St. Thomas Aquinas