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National Catholic Schools Week Celebrated January 25-31

COLUMBUS – Catholic schools throughout the 23 counties of the Diocese of Columbus will join the national celebration of Catholic Schools Week, January 25 - 31, 2009.

This year's theme, "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service," highlights the mission of Catholic schools to provide faith-based education that supports students academically and spiritually while providing them opportunities to grow in Jesus and to share His love through service learning projects.

"Our Catholic schools are a ministry of the whole person, which forms students intellectually, spiritually, and morally," said Lucia D. McQuaide, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Columbus. "Our teachers and curriculum foster wisdom and understanding that produce future leaders, adults who understand the obligations of human life, the dignity of the individual and the shared responsibility for our common good."

"Our schools benefit their surrounding communities also," said Mrs. McQuaide. "With exemplary standardized test scores and graduation rates, our students demonstrate a well-rounded competency as they move into the next phases of their lives: college, vocational training, military service or employment. They become productive, contributing members of the community. We invite families to visit their local Catholic schools and attend the open houses."

Individual schools will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with a variety of activities.

Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of the National Catholic Education Association, the

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world's largest private, professional education association, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the national public policy organization of U.S. bishops.

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Notes:

Elementary and high schools in the Diocese of Columbus will host special events during Catholic Schools Week. Watch for event information from your local Catholic school.

In the Diocese of Columbus, 12,215 students attend Catholic elementary schools, and 4,844 students attend Catholic high schools.

There are 54 Catholic schools in 15 counties of the Diocese of Columbus: 43 elementary and 11 high schools. These schools serve more than 17,059 students.