

## News Advisory

**To:** News Editors and Assignment Desks

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**RE: Mass in Honor of Catholic Schools Week**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Thursday, January 23, 2003**  
**National Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak**

Over 1,500 students, parents, teachers and principals from the 119 Catholic elementary and 34 high schools in the six-county area of the Archdiocese of Detroit will participate in a Mass in honor of Catholic Schools Week. The Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 23, at the National Shrine of the Little Flower, located at the northeast corner of 12 mile Road and Woodward Avenue, in Royal Oak.

*Catholic Schools: Making a World of Difference* is the theme of Catholic Schools Week, a nation-wide observance that will be held January 26 through February 1. In honor of the occasion, a variety of special events have been planned throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit including open houses, field trips and Masses

During the Mass at the National Shrine of the Little Flower, students will offer prayers in a variety of languages, including: Polish, Tamil – India, Ukrainian, Greek, Korean, Arabic, Nigerian and Spanish. In addition, a representative from each school will be presented with an 18 X 24 inch reproduction of *The Children Are Asking*, a painting by Sr. Mary Southard, CSJ. Everyone in attendance will receive a souvenir holy card of the painting. It is reproduced below.



**\*\*\*You are invited to cover this event. The above painting can be found on the Archdiocese of Detroit website at [www.archdioceseofdetroit.org](http://www.archdioceseofdetroit.org).**