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RE: Mass in Honor of Catholic Schools Week
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Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Detroit

Over 700 students, parents, and staff members from the 115 Catholic elementary and secondary schools throughout the six-county area of the Archdiocese of Detroit will participate in a Mass in Honor of Catholic Schools Week.

The Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 31, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, will be the celebrant and homilist. Seventeen pastors from parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit that have Catholic schools will concelebrate.

Students will act as lectors, readers, gift bearers, and altar servers at the Mass. A representative from each school will be presented with a resolution signed by Cardinal Maida recognizing Wednesday, January 31, as "National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools." The resolution is posted on the web at www.AODonline.org and notes the following:

Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit will continue to provide a Gospel-based education of the highest quality.

Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit will be staffed by highly qualified administrators and teachers.

Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit will continue to offer education to the poor and marginalized in society.

Catholic Schools Week is being celebrated January 28 -- February 3. "Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education" is this year's theme. Locally, a variety of special events have been planned, including open houses, field trips, and Masses. A partial listing of these events can be found on the web at www.AODonline.org.

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Members of the Media are invited to cover the Mass in Honor of Catholic Schools Week, as well as the local events listed at www.AODonline.org. For more information, contact Susan Leslie at 313-237-5772.