

# Archdiocese of Detroit



## **A resolution recognizing January 31, 2007 as National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools**

Whereas, There are 38,252 students attending 115 Catholic Elementary and High schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit; and

Whereas, We affirm our strong conviction that Catholic elementary and secondary schools are of great value to our Church and our nation; and that, "...the entire ecclesial community is called to value ever more deeply the importance of this task and mission, and to continue to give full and enthusiastic support."

We understand that our Catholic schools are a vital part of the teaching mission of the Church.

Whereas, we affirm that Catholic schools afford the fullest and best opportunity to realize the fourfold purpose of Christian education, namely to provide an atmosphere in which the Gospel message is proclaimed, community in Christ is experienced, service to our sisters and brothers is the norm, and thanksgiving and worship of our God is cultivated.

Whereas, we understand the great value and many successes of the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit, and the numerous challenges that they face.

We are unequivocally committed as well as the whole of the Catholic community of the Archdiocese of Detroit to the following goals:

- + **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.**

Whereas, January 31st, 2007 has been designated as National Catholic Schools Appreciation Day, with the theme "Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education" by the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; now therefore, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that all Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit are hereby recognized on their National Day of Appreciation.

Signed this day, January 31, 2007.



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Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit