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Dear Friend of Catholic Education,

I have been privileged to be a part of the great work of Catholic education for almost fifty years. During that time, much has changed: students now use computers for just about everything, the content of curriculum has grown more rigorous, and teaching has grown more complicated.

One thing that has not changed has been the commitment to academic excellence surrounded by solid Catholic teaching. Our teachers are eminently prepared academically, and they are also prepared to infuse Catholic values into every interaction that they have with students. The result is that we send out students who have been steeped in Catholic teaching, and who are confident in their gifts. Our students understand that they enter our schools to learn, and leave our schools to serve.

For so many of our children, Catholic schools offer not a choice, but a chance. For families that struggle daily just to meet basic needs, the idea of a Catholic education for their children is but a dream.

I ask, at this time, that you consider making this dream a reality for a student who would flourish in a Catholic school. Our success rates are legend, and need to be bestowed on youngsters who, with a Catholic education, have the potential to change their own future.

You have, no doubt, read or seen media coverage on the current Buffalo Diocesan Revitalization Plan. The goals of the plan are to ensure that Catholic education will be available to children over the long haul, to ensure that the programs available are rigorous and challenging, and affirm that the schools will be Catholic. Additionally, the process involves the deep involvement by local stakeholders, and has the blessing and encouragement of our Bishop. The result: more opportunities for more children.

A gift *to* Catholic education makes real the gift *of* a Catholic education. At a time when we give thanks for the blessings that God has given us, here is an opportunity to share those blessings with the gift that never goes out of style, is always the right size, and never needs batteries-the gift of a Catholic education.

I pray that the God of all blessings continues to bestow those blessings on you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

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