

The ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages, because it involves the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God "The word of God nourishes both evangelizers and those who are being evangelized so that each one may continue to grow in his or her Christian life" (*National Directory for Catechesis* [NDC] [Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005], no. 17).

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

In 1935, the Vatican published *On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education*, a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. For the first few years after Catechetical Sunday was established, national catechetical congresses were held in conjunction with the celebration. Beginning in 1971, the USCCB's Department of Education began producing materials to help parishes celebrate the event at the local level. When the Committee on Catechesis, now named the Committee of Evangelization and Catechesis, was named by the Conference as a standing Committee, it continued to publish Catechetical Sunday materials each year. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

What Does the Word "Catechetical" Mean?

The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

Why do we have a special day set aside?

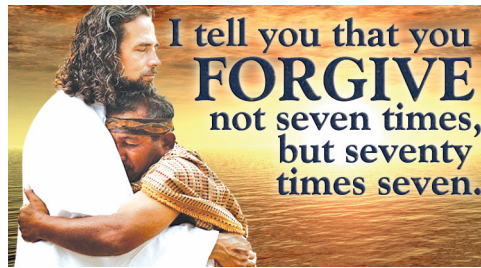
Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

How are parents, the primary catechists of their children, recognized on Catechetical Sunday?

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.



(The above was taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website)



MASSSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, September 18

7:00 am Special Intention [Health & Healing for Becky Thornton] by Jack & Margaret Peifer (Holy Family)

Tuesday, September 19-St. Januarius

5:00 pm Harry Ludwig by Judy Sloan (Holy Family)
[followed with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena]

Wednesday, September 20-St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions

7:00 am Laverne & Bernice Berg by Family (Holy Family)
8:30 am Brock Endres by Luke & Rachel (Holy Family)

Thursday, September 21-St. Matthew

7:00 am Jerry Overby by Donna & Lee Burr (Holy Family)
12 Noon Recitation of the Rosary (Holy Family)
2-5:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament [with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament] (Holy Family)
5:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Meditation with Benediction following (Holy Family)

Friday, September 22

7:00 am Frances Reichle by Ron & Lori Boyer (Holy Family)

Saturday, September 23-St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

4:00 pm Rose Rupnik by Ilene Divjak (St. Patrick's)
5:00 pm George Mitchell by Greg & Evelyn Fitzpatrick (Holy Family)

Sunday, September 24-Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mary Ann Aue by Tim, Tom & Steve (Holy Family)
8:30 am Agatha Koeberlein by Phil & Linda Koeberlein (St. Patrick's)
9:00 am Alice Jodlowski by Donnie & Janet Hafenstine (St. Mary's)
10:00 am Teofil & Ludwika Obrochta by the Obrochta & Glazik Family (Holy Family)
10:30 am Gladys Aper by Pam & Steve Coogan (St. Thomas Aquinas)

NOTE: Reconciliation at Holy Family Church, Lincoln, is held each Tuesday from 4:30-4:55 pm and each Saturday from 3:45-4:30 pm.

Reconciliation at St. Mary's Church, Atlanta, is held prior to the 9 am Sunday Mass.

Reconciliation at St. Patrick's Church, Elkhart, is held each Saturday from 3:15-3:45 pm.

Reconciliation at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Mt. Pulaski, is held prior to the 10:30 am Sunday Mass.

Based on the availability of clergy, this schedule is subject to change. Please check the parish calendar on the website for any changes or additions.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants."

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, September 18

1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Psalm 28:2,7-9 / Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 19

1 Timothy 3:1-13 / Psalm 101:1-3,5-6 / Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 20

1 Timothy 3:14-16 / Psalm 111:1-6 / Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 21

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13 / Psalm 19:2-5 / Matthew 9:9-13

Friday, September 22

1 Timothy 6:2-12 / Psalm 49:6-10,17-20 / Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 23

1 Timothy 6:13-16 / Psalm 100:1-5 / Luke 8:4-15

Sunday, September 24

Isaiah 55:6-9 / Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18 / Philippians 1:20-24,27 / Matthew 20:1-16

VITAL AND IMPORTANT PROCESS

At all Holy Family Masses this weekend, Holy Family parishioners who have, from July 2016 up to the present, not yet filled out and

returned a census form, will be asked to do so during Mass. One census form per family household is needed. However, if you are older than high school age and living in the Logan County area, you are considered your own family even if you are living at your parents' address and you will need to fill out a census form. Condensed census forms and a pencil can be found at the end of each pew. There is a box at the main entrance of church and at the side entrance for you to place your completed census forms as you exit upon the finish of Mass today.

ST. MARY'S, ATLANTA

~Ministry Schedule for Sunday, September

24: Reader-Susan Kuhlmyer; Servers-Alexis Finchum & Andrew O'Donnell; Greeters & Gift Bearers -Gene & Cathy Cisco

~**Cleaning/Coffee & Donuts Committee** for September Kathy Nicholas, Laura O'Donnell & Jessica Nicholas / October Cathy Cisco & Bev Spaulding.

ST. PATRICK'S, ELKHART

~**Coffee & Donuts** will be held **next Sunday, September 24**, after the 8:30 am Mass.

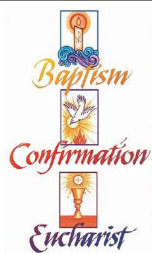
~**Cleaning Schedule** for September 24 is Janet & Steve Allen / October 8 is Larry & Lori Bobell and Ben & Haylee Bobell. Please clean the week before the Sunday you are assigned.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, MT. PULASKI

~**Coffee & Donuts** will take place on **Sunday, October 1**. Come and join in the fellowship!

~**Cleaning Schedule** is the second Tuesday of every month at 4 pm. Cleaning help is always welcome. For more information, please contact Jane Pharis at 433-6191.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process of discerning and ritualizing stages of conversion leading to initiation through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.



RCIA
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Who is welcome to RCIA?

- ♦ persons who have never been baptized.
- ♦ persons baptized in another Christian Church who desire to become Catholic.
- ♦ Baptized Catholics who have never received First Communion or Confirmation
- ♦ Catholics who want to understand more about the practice of their Faith.

The RCIA class meets at 7 pm each Tuesday evening at the Casa. If you are interested in becoming part of our RCIA class for the Fall, or if you know someone who is interested, please call or have the interested person(s) call Sister Mary Lou at (217) 732-4019.



On Sunday, September 3, **Francis Alexander Thanh Phan**, son of David & Tu Trinh Le Phan, was baptized at Holy Family Church.

On Wednesday, September 6, **Coley Sue Olson**, daughter of Alfred & Kristi Olson was baptized at St. Patrick's Church.

We welcome Francis and Coley into our Catholic Faith Community and congratulate them and their families.

HOLY FAMILY ADULT CHOIR

Sunday 9-9:40 am Rehearsal

10 am Mass

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Each week on Tuesday evening, RCIA Classes are held for those who desire to know about the Catholic faith. Our sessions are divided so that there is a "break" during the sessions, with light refreshments available. Volunteers are needed to prepare snacks for each session. Snacks may be simple treats of any kind . . . cookies, fresh fruit, crackers/cheese, etc. If you are able and willing to prepare the snacks periodically during this year, please call Crystal Tibbs at (217) 735-2035. The treats are to be brought to the Casa on Monday or Tuesday. Thank you for your consideration.



The Carroll Catholic School Choir will sing at the Holy Family 10 am Mass **next Sunday, September 24.**

NEXT SUNDAY (September 24) IS FOOD PANTRY

SUNDAY! Please bring non-perishable food items for the food pantry: For Holy Family there is a shopping cart located to the right in the main entrance, for St. Mary's a

box is provided in the gathering area, St. Patrick's and St. Thomas Aquinas items may be left in the main entrance. Items that are always needed include: **canned fruit, canned vegetables, spaghetti & egg noodles, spaghetti sauce, saltine crackers, cereal, Jell-O, tuna, soups, navy or pinto beans, pancake mix & syrup, macaroni & cheese and toilet paper. This last month 110 families were served with 220 bags of groceries with expenditures totaling \$529.28.



A Carroll Catholic School Culver's (2530 Woodlawn Road, Lincoln) Fundraiser takes place on the third Wednesday of each month from 10:30 am-10 pm. Ten percent of all sales go

towards Carroll Catholic School. The classroom that raises the most monies, receives a classroom custard party from the team at Culver's of Lincoln.

The first CCS Culver's Day for this school year will be held on September 20. Please be sure to mention "Carroll School" when making your purchases.



FAMILY LUNCHEON

Parishioners, and families from all four parishes are invited to come to the next Family Luncheon to be held on **Thursday, October 12**, in the Carroll Catholic School cafeteria. Lunch will begin at 11:45 am. No fee required, but donations will be accepted.

ROSARY WALK

Meet at Holy Family Church (Lincoln) at 11 am on **Saturday, October 14** if you are interested in praying the Rosary during a Rosary Walk to Scully Park. We will pray the Rosary for "peace in our world". Please join us.



"To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others."

-Pope John Paul II

First Annual WATCH

October 6-8, in Chatham, IL

The Logan County Catholic WATCH is extending its arms to help organize and man the first WATCH in Chatham. If Lent is a difficult time of year to attend the WATCH in Lincoln, then think about attending the WATCH (We Are The Church Renewal) in Chatham this October. It is a wonderful time to renew your spirit with God. WATCH is a spiritual weekend which focuses on God, self and neighbor. The weekend offers heart-felt talks given by lay people and clergy, as well as prayer, reflection, laughter and community. WATCH begins on Friday evening at 7 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church and ends on Sunday afternoon about 3 pm. This is not an overnight retreat; you go back to the comfort of your own home at night. We provide Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch, and snacks throughout the weekend. We hope you will come and enjoy the WATCH weekend. Applications are available online at <http://www.stjoschatham.org/watch>. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Sheley at (217) 737-5230 or Laurie Lahr at (217) 737-8381. God Bless.



LOVE REPEATED

FALL INFORMATION/HAPPENINGS

- **SAVE THE DATE:** *Love Repeated* will be hosting a fund raising event at the Spirited Republic, in Lincoln, on **Sunday afternoon, October 22**. The focus will be the "Hearts of Hope" Campaign, which supports our educational scholarships. More information to follow in upcoming bulletins.
- Fall is the only time *Love Repeated* makes appeals during all the Masses in the Logan County Catholic Community. Thanks to Father Jeff Laible, who has been an unwavering supporter of our organization, we have this one time opportunity to make personal appeals. A schedule will be forthcoming for the various Masses and when the appeals will be made at the Mass that you attend. We ask that you prayerfully consider Love Repeated as a worthy way to love your brothers and sisters in need.
- We have recently become aware that any donations to *Love Repeated* by State Farm employees will be matched up to \$1,500 per year. The employee has to make the request and it does have to be done within three months of the end of the calendar year that the money was donated. So, any State Farm employees that have donated in 2017, please contact: State Farm Companies Foundation (Charitable Organization) Matching Gift for your matching gift to *Love Repeated*. This is the link: <https://doublethedonation.com/matching-gifts/state-farm-insurance>. Once you register, they will advise you on what is needed to apply for the matching funds. Thanks!!!!



HELPING HANDS

Fundraisers and events take many helping hands. The Logan County Active Catholic Teens Youth Group is

here to help. To request a group of chaperoned students to help with your event, please contact the parish office or email us at

LoganCountyACT@LoganCountyCatholic.org at least 3 weeks in advance of your event. We look forward to helping you serve our community!

Ladies to Meet

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will meet (third Wednesday of the each month) **September 20**, at 7 pm in the small meeting room of the Knights of Columbus Hall. See you there!



Blessings on Your Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Dan and Ruth Freesmeier who will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on September 17.



CARROLL CATHOLIC DRAWDOWN

On **Friday, November 17**, the Carroll Catholic Drawdown will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall with dinner at 6 pm and Drawdown following. The major prize winners will be drawn first, from the grand prize through 5th place. They will be announced in reverse order only after drawing all remaining tickets. 1st place is \$5,000; 2nd place is \$2,500; 3rd place is \$1,000; 4th place is \$500; 5th place is \$250 and Biggest Loser \$200. Every 25th ticket drawn will receive \$100 the night of the drawdown. **Early Bird Drawing (\$500) will take place on November 1**, with ticket replaced back in with the others for the November 18th drawing. Price of one ticket is \$100 which includes dinner for two. Tickets can be purchased from a Carroll School parent, Charlie Williams (737-9619), Nan Lockenour (737-3458) or Greg Feldman (735-4678). Purchase your tickets now—only 350 available.

GARDEN PRODUCE

The Holy Family Food Pantry, has in the past and, will continue to accept garden produce for its patrons. If you wish to donate garden produce you may bring it to the pantry on any Wednesday. The food pantry is open from 10 am to 2 pm each Wednesday. Or you may bring your donations on a Tuesday. However, if you choose Tuesday, you must first call ahead at (217) 732-9592 to make arrangements to have someone meet you at the food pantry to accept your donations.

"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself." How is God calling you to live for others? Could it be as a priest, sister or brother? Call Father Tim Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@dcop.org.

**St. John Vianney, patron of priests,
pray for our priests.**



Pray
for Vocations

Prayer Works



*The more people praying for an intention,
the stronger the prayer becomes.*

Prayer Chain

Request prayers by sending an email to lcc4-prayer-chain@googlegroups.com. If you would like to subscribe to the prayer chain, follow the "Join Prayer Chain" link

located on www.logancountycatholic.org. When your web browser opens click on "Subscribe to this group" option, then follow the instructions in the pop-up box. You should receive an email within 48 hours that indicates you have been accepted as a member of the prayer chain.

The sanctuary candle on the altar at . . .

Holy Family Church is lit this week

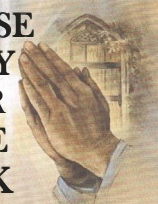
In Memory of Christina Schmidt Godbey
requested by Dad & Clare.

Tuesday, September 19, an Alzheimer's Support Group will meet from 2-3 pm at the Oasis Senior Center. The meeting is open both to people with a diagnosis and to those who are simply concerned about possible dementia.

Remember the following in your prayers:

Anne Lowry, Anna Beckers, Les Jarnagin, Steve Coogan, Tom Romer, Mike Lowry, Paul Lowry, Gay (Ruble) Conder, Matthew Lowry, Elijah Cox, Harriett Richardson, Guinevere Decker, Laura Saladino, Joan Lewis, Boone O'Donoghue, Ruth Young, David Olson, Rodney Alberts, Jill Alberts, Jan Loeffelholz, Linda Wright, Ben Velasco, Steve Schmidt, Ryan Butler, Donna Burr, Paula Rutherford, James Thean, Gavin Fox, Greg Patterson, Kevin McCrary, Joe Bell, Mark VanRheeden, Rita Johnson, Diana Brown, Louise Cardoni, Nicole Bottrell, Adelyn Jones, McKayla Nye, Judy Morrow, Gavin Shuler, Phillip Brown, Christina Clementz, Mike Kavanaugh, E. J. Miley and all the members of the armed forces of our country. If you would like to add a name to the list, call the Parish Office at (217) 732-4019 or email mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org

**PLEASE
PRAY
FOR
THE
SICK**



Through the mercy of God, may they rest in peace.

Caleb Coogan and
John Kirk (brother of Joan Lewis).



Looking for a fun way to share the faith with your little ones? Check out the new Kids button featuring Brother Francis! Print the coloring pages right from your phone!



Now your kids can learn about the faith and the saints while you are in line at the grocery store. myParish App is offering great and safe content for your kids. Simply find the "kids" button in myParish App. For more info, GO to: <https://vimeo.com/230666906>



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Zachary Craig and Will Stambaugh both earned the highest rank of Eagle Scout that can be achieved in Boy Scouts. A Court of Honor Ceremony was held on August 27th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Zachary is a 2015 Carroll Catholic School alumni and Will a 2017 CCS alumni. Congratulations to these fine young men!



Picture above at left (from left to right) is Ray Papach, previous Scoutmaster; Will Stambaugh, Eagle Scout; Zachary Craig, Eagle Scout; and, Ed Robison, Scoutmaster. Picture directly above (from left to right) is Will Stambaugh, Eagle Scout; David Welch, Carroll School Principal; and, Zachary Craig, Eagle Scout.

September 2/3, 2017 Weekly Offering Versus Budget Requirement

Parish	Budget Requirement	Weekly Offering	Weekly Online Giving	Weekly Budget Surplus/ (Shortfall)
Holy Family	\$7,200.00	\$6,544.10	\$80.00	(\$575.90)
St. Mary's	\$1,200.00	\$1,019.50	\$0.00	(\$180.50)
St. Patrick's	\$1,395.00	\$1,212.50	\$0.00	(\$182.50)
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$1,045.00	\$986.00	\$125.00	\$66.00

September 9/10, 2017 Weekly Offering Versus Budget Requirement

Parish	Budget Requirement	Weekly Offering	Weekly Online Giving	Weekly Budget Surplus/ (Shortfall)
Holy Family	\$7,200.00	\$5,422.51	\$995.00	(\$782.49)
St. Mary's	\$1,200.00	\$929.50	\$0.00	(\$270.50)
St. Patrick's	\$1,395.00	\$812.81	\$0.00	(\$582.19)
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$1,045.00	\$890.00	\$0.00	(\$155.00)

Totals do not include donations for: Easter, Memorials, Food Pantry, Diocesan Collections, Estates, Utilities, Missionary Collections, Building Funds, Capital Campaigns and Miscellaneous Donations.

UPDATED ADA (Annual Stewardship Appeal) Totals as of August 31, 2017

Church	Goal	Pledged	Received	Amount Needed To Reach Goal
St. Patrick	\$15,896.00	\$19,790.31	\$17,822.44	\$0.00
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$13,532.00	\$11,881.20	\$8,041.20	\$1,650.80
St. Mary	\$11,229.00	\$9,195.00	\$4,465.00	\$2,034.00
Holy Family	\$58,382.00	\$42,404.00	\$39,348.00	\$15,978.00

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED for Carroll Catholic School

Your offertory envelopes each month contain a pink envelope, labeled: "CCS Student Scholarships." Your offering in this envelope greatly assists the school in providing a Catholic education to all who desire it for their child. It remains a guiding principle that no child will ever be denied an education at Carroll Catholic School as a result of a family's financial situation. As such, the school offers tuition assistance to families who demonstrate economic need. In a typical year, assistance is offered to around one-fourth of our families, comprising nearly one-third of all CCS students. While this assistance is not without cost, the return on our investment is immeasurable! Thank you to all who support the students and mission of Carroll Catholic School through your pink envelope offerings.

Hurricane Harvey Relief Collection

Parish	Amount Donated
Holy Family	\$2,446.00
St. Mary's	\$216.00
St. Patrick's	\$548.00
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$220.00
Total	\$3,430.00

Parish Office, 316 South Logan Street, Lincoln, IL 62656 - (217) 732-4019 ~ www.logancountyCatholic.org

Rev. Jeffrey G. Laible, Pastor ~ Rev. Simon Taabu, In Residence ~ Rev. John Pham, Parochial Vicar

Sister Mary Lou Owens, Spiritual Life Coordinator ~ Kathy Buse, Religious Education Coordinator

Deacon Wendell Lowry, Business Manager ~ Pam Coogan, Bookkeeper

Alicia Baker & Mary Kay Lohrenz, Secretaries ~ Ruth Freesmeier, Director of Music

Carroll Catholic School (217) 732-7518 - David Welch, Principal ~ Jennifer Craig, Secretary

Holy Cross & St. Mary Cemeteries (217) 737-5946 - Tom Larson, Sexton

AUTUMN PRAYER

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.
As we embrace these autumn months, May the earlier setting of the sun
Remind us to take time to rest.
May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet
Remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.
May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give
us your breath of life.
May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds
Remind us that you call us to follow your will.
We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

- Author Unknown



Letter from Our Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ,

For some time now, our Diocesan Finance Office has informed me that the John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Endowment for Catholic Education was significantly underfunded and could only provide help for as few as 15% of the families requesting aid. Last March, with the advice of the Presbyteral Council, the Diocese hired the *Steier Group* to consider a capital campaign to enhance this as well as other pastoral funds. The result of their survey of both the clergy and the laity was quite positive, with the majority reporting in favor of such an undertaking. I must confess, however, that given the financial and political situation in the State of Illinois, I have had my doubts. With the highest taxes in the nation and with over a quarter of a million people moving out of state every year, together with the possible postponement of several important parish and school projects, I have been worried that this might not be the best moment to initiate a diocesan wide capital campaign. I therefore called together my Consulters, the Vicars Forane, together with the Presbyteral Council for a special meeting to further discuss the question. After an extended and frank conversation, these representative priests reconsidered their position and now believe that a capital campaign at this time would perhaps be a mistake. I am also aware of the fact that our priests undertake an enormous amount of work to keep our parishes viable, sometimes serving several parishes in a particular area. It therefore might not be prudent at this time to add to their burdens and ask them to undertake the work of a capital campaign. After prayer and reflection and greatly helped by their sound advice, I have therefore decided to cancel plans for a campaign.

Obviously, the Diocese will always invite people to consider a sacrificial gift in support of Catholic education both in their annual giving and through legacies. Our excellent schools constitute an important means of passing on the Faith to future generations and also greatly assist in evangelizing school families. May Christ the Teacher inspire us all to generously support this essential Catholic ministry.

May God bless all of you, and please accept my most sincere thanks for all your good advice.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
✠ Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
BISHOP OF PEORIA