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Dear Parents,

It was my great pleasure to spend time with the students of St. Joseph School. Your school is well known for the very meaningful Veterans' Day presentation held each year. I am so pleased to have been a part of it as the students sang and honored our veterans in so many moving ways. Catholic schools have always been places where the love of God and the love of country are instilled in our students. What a wonderful reminder of all of the sacrifices that have been made for us by our veterans.

I had the privilege of touring the school and meeting all of the students. There was so much joy and hope in each of those classrooms! The diversity of St. Joseph School is a real reflection of God's beautiful world and the role of the children in it. It is evident that they are working hard and thriving in a loving, faith-filled atmosphere.

I am grateful to Father McGuffey, Mrs. Johnson, the faculty and staff for their hospitality. I am most grateful to you for the faith you have placed in St. Joseph School, recognizing the great gift of a Catholic school education. I know that it can be a financial sacrifice to have children in a Catholic school, and I thank you for making all of the sacrifices you make. As a product of a Catholic school education, I know the difference it makes to have that unique home and school partnership that forms when students attend a school that reflects the values of the home.

As your time at St. Joseph School continues, I hope I have the opportunity to meet and speak with you. I am anxious to see how your children progress. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family, and I hope you will keep me in your prayers as well.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
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