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To Those Who Serve and Teach in Catholic Schools:

Consistent research has verified that Catholic schools provide a uniquely powerful education for the child's spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social growth. It is our responsibility, in collaboration with parents, to cultivate in our young people strong religious, spiritual, and moral values to address the world in which they live and to prepare them for what is to come. Catholic schools provide rigorous academic programs that make the future for our students all the more promising, and they do so in the context of addressing the entirety of the human person. Without spiritual development all education is fundamentally flawed.

The Handbook of Policies and Procedures for Catholic Schools provides the framework within which Catholic schools must operate and serve the community. The policies have been recommended for adoption by the Catholic School Board of the Archdiocese of Hartford, with procedures written by the Superintendent's Office. It is important, therefore, that pastors, administrators, teachers, non-instructional staff, and members of the school boards and other local organizations become familiar with and use the handbook as the framework for operations.

I offer special thanks to all those who worked tirelessly to develop the Handbook of Policies and Procedures for Catholic Schools. Their gifts of time and talent are greatly appreciated. At the same time I express my profound sentiments of gratitude to all our pastors, principals, presidents, staff members, teachers, parents and guardians who make our Catholic schools the wonderful success stories that they are.

Be assured of my constant support and prayerful best wishes for you and for all our students as together we advance the mission of Catholic school education in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Henry J. Mansell*

Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell  
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