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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual collection for our Catholic Schools takes place next weekend, January 10 and 11. This most important collection supports our commitment to the growth and continuance of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Palm Beach where we provide for the education and formation of over 8-thousand students in each of our five counties.

Catholic Schools need financial support now more than ever in order to keep tuitions affordable for all Catholic families in these difficult economic times we now face. It is an imperative of the Church to provide excellent Catholic education in our schools for our young people, the future of the Catholic Church. Your generosity to this collection advances our shared mission to prepare young people to be academically strong and to be witnesses of Christ in the world!

With gratitude for your dedication and generosity, and with assurance of my prayers, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Gerald M. Barbarito". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach

Note to Pastors:

Please publish this letter in the parish bulletin or have it read at all Masses on the weekend of January 3 and 4.