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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is my pleasure to announce the launch of the 2023-2024 *Lumen Christi Appeal* to support the Diocese of Palm Beach's Catholic elementary and secondary schools. The eighteen Catholic schools within our Diocese's five counties consist of three preschools, twelve elementary schools and three high schools. These schools educate more than 6,800 students, thanks to the hard work of 600 school employees.

This year's *Lumen Christi Appeal* theme is "*Faith Illuminating Knowledge.*" The mission of the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Palm Beach is to build learning communities, based on the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and rich in Catholic values and tradition, which speaks to this year's theme. In developing the gifts, talents and uniqueness of their students, the schools seek to prepare leaders and Christian stewards as a beacon of hope for the Church of the future.

One hundred percent of the net proceeds from the appeal will be allocated to support our Catholic schools, as they work tirelessly to provide a Christ-centered education. Together, we can provide the platform for *Faith Illuminating Knowledge* through the work of our schools.

I invite you to join us in supporting this effort as we continue our commitment to foster Catholic education through the *Lumen Christi Appeal*. When reviewing the enclosed giving opportunities, I ask that you prayerfully consider a gift that would support our Catholic schools. Please continue to keep our students, teachers, and staff in your prayers this school year as you are drawn to the light of Christ.

With deep appreciation for your past and continued support, and with every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach