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Dear Teachers and Staff of our Catholic Schools,

“Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew,
like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.”
Deuteronomy 32:2

During this week set aside to honor teachers and staff, I want to pause and offer my appreciation for all you do and have done to support our families and one another!

Reflecting on the passage above, one could consider that the past 13 months have felt like anything but tender. We have struggled through so many challenges. Many authors, pundits, and poets have only begun to unpack this complex experience for us all. On my morning walks, now that spring has arrived, I marvel at the beauty of God’s creation. The birds sing sassily not knowing or caring about a pandemic. The flowers continue to bloom without a care as to the on-going racial injustice.

Each of you, however, throughout the year, continued to answer the call to offer your tenderness and care. Your ministry reflects the words in this scripture verse, “...like showers on new grass...on tender plants.” Informed by your faith throughout this year of so many unknowns, you have modeled for your students how to encounter the challenges of the day, by acknowledging, and acting on the present moment and your ability to remain steady. You have made the conscious choice to get up every morning and to bring the best you have to offer to the students and families you serve. I thank each of you for your willingness to serve, and to go the distance...to the very last mile of this very long marathon.

I hope and pray you can rest assured that God is well pleased with the work of our Catholic schools. We have led with our hearts to see Christ in all we meet and to be Christ for others.

On behalf of all who work to support you in the Office for Catholic Schools, we thank you and we keep you close in our prayers of gratitude.

Kristin Dixon, Superintendent