



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Diocese of Erie to Celebrate Catholic Schools Week: January 25-31, 2026**

The Diocese of Erie is celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 25, through Saturday, January 31, 2026, joining Catholic schools across the nation in highlighting the role of faith-based education in forming students academically, spiritually and socially.

This year's theme, ***Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community***, reflects the shared mission of schools, families and parishes to foster learning rooted in Christ and service to others.

“Our Catholic schools unite faith, learning and community, helping students grow not only in knowledge, but in their relationship with Christ,” said Bishop Lawrence T. Persico. “I am deeply grateful for the clergy, educators, families and parish communities who make our schools vibrant centers of faith and formation.” Superintendent for the Diocese of Erie, Jim Gallagher, emphasized the formative role Catholic schools play in the lives of young people. “Catholic schools are more than places of learning. They are communities rooted in faith, where students are formed academically, spiritually and morally. In partnership with families and parishes, our schools help young people grow in knowledge, deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and learn what it means to serve others with compassion and integrity.”

### **MEDIA OPPORTUNITY**

Members of the media are invited to attend a Catholic Schools Week Mass at:

#### **Our Lady of Peace Parish**

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.**

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Throughout the week, schools across northwestern Pennsylvania will host open houses and special events inviting families and community members to experience Catholic education firsthand.

Families are encouraged to contact schools directly through their websites for admissions, tours and enrollment information.

In a letter to the Catholic community, Superintendent Jim Gallagher invited the faithful to pray for students, educators and families and to support the mission of Catholic education across the diocese. His full message is available at: <https://www.eriercd.org/images/pdf/2006-csw-JG.pdf>.

For more information about Catholic Schools Week and diocesan resources, visit  
<https://www.eriercd.org/ccsw.html>.

Prayer for Catholic Schools Week:

## **Catholic Schools Week PRAYER**

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of  
Catholic education. Bless our  
students, families and educators.

May our schools grow as  
communities of faith,  
united in love, service and truth.

We ask this through  
Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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