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*Parents and Carers of children in Catholic Schools  
Staff and Colleagues in Catholic Education  
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne*

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My warm and prayerful greetings to you all.

I do hope that the Christmas season brought many blessings to you despite the extraordinary times we find ourselves in.

May I take this opportunity to once again extend my gratitude to each and every one of you; parents, carers, teachers and administrators, who have risen to meet the challenges of these times.

You have been resilient and innovative, and kept your families and communities close in times of distancing. The rich life of Catholic education is an indispensable part of our missionary call to the Gospel, and the good people of God are blessed abundantly through your efforts.

I am sure that you are eager to commence this year and to be filled with the energy and excitement that comes from helping our young people flourish and grow.

May St Joseph, our protector, strengthen and guide you all as faithful carers and diligent workers as this year unfolds. Please know that my prayers are with you.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

**Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**  
Archbishop of Melbourne