



The Archdiocese of Hartford Center for Catholic Education and Formation

August 28, 2022

Dear Pastor,

This year's HOPES (Help Our Parish Elementary Schools) Collection is set to take place on September 24th and 25th and I am writing to ask for your help in promoting the Collection and the incredible impact it has on our Catholic schools to your parishioners and local community over the next few weeks.

Our school administrators, teachers, staff and students have overcome many challenges throughout the pandemic—and the spirit within our Catholic schools remains strong. As a faith and community leader, your support and promotion of the HOPES Collection will go a long way in helping us to achieve our goals and to sustain Catholic education in our Archdiocese.

The HOPES Collection provides vital support to our Catholic elementary schools—it generates funds for technology, arts and literature, athletics, robotics, safety and security measures, marketing and much, much more. We want to continue delivering on our commitment to educate the WHOLE child—mind, body and spirit—and develop the future leaders of your communities and our Archdiocese.

Stronger schools lead to stronger parishes. Strong parishes create more vibrant communities centered in faith. **We all benefit from this collection.**

The Center for Catholic Education and Formation has developed a promotional toolkit that will assist you and your parish in promoting the HOPES Collection. **You can access the kit by [clicking here](#).**

Within the HOPES Collection Promotional Toolkit you will find:

- A video from Archbishop Blair promoting the HOPES Collection to parishioners, that can be shared on your website and social media
- Promotional copy for bulletins, announcements and newsletters
- Social media posts and photos
- A Report Form to return with your check

Thank you, as always, for supporting Catholic elementary schools and our Church's mission to inspire educational excellence and transformative lifelong faith formation.

Should you have any questions regarding the HOPES Collection, please contact Laura McCaffrey, Executive Director for School Finance & Technology, at 860-242-5573 or Laura.McCaffrey@aohct.org.

Sincerely,

Fr. Michael Whyte
Vicar for Catholic Education and Formation