

2024 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTION: HOMILY TALKING POINTS

Pastors, please consider sharing these messages with your parishioners prior to the *Catholic High School Collection* on January 20-21, 2024.

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My brother priests, I am asking that you help support the promotion of the *Catholic High School Collection* on January 20-21 by “salt and peppering” your homily or announcements with these talking points, which illustrate the importance of Catholic education. Our Catholic schools – academically and spiritually – are where many of these students are introduced to the Catholic Church and our beautiful faith. Please join me in educating our parishioners to the Universal Mission of the Church: Catholic education. **Thank you!**

- Our Catholic schools are an integral part of our Archdiocese – and our faith. They are communities led in Truth; often times the first powerful experience of Mass, the sacraments and our lived faith experiences.
- Every Church and parishioner has a role to play in the universal mission of the Church. The *Catholic High School Collection* is the primary way that all the parishes of the Archdiocese can support our three (3) Archdiocesan Catholic high schools.
- We all benefit from the *Catholic High School Collection* because these schools form our future leaders – *There is Something Greater Here*.
- Each year - and especially during and after the COVID Pandemic - our Catholic high school students surpassed all educational challenges with excellence.
- We did not lose two (2) years due to closures or full-time online classes, but rather our students entered the new school year on schedule.
- Our students are among the highest achieving students in Connecticut; they are respected for who they are - a child of God, they are taught to work with one another for the common good.
- And we teach the WHOLE child - body, mind and spirit. That is the success story of Catholic education.
- If you want this Catholic education success story to be a part of our community, then join us in contributing to the *Catholic High School Collection* either at Mass or online, via the “QR Code” available on the cards in the back of Church.

Thank you for your assistance in helping up promote the *Catholic High School Collection*.

