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“Strengthening and supporting the Catholic identity, values and mission of our Catholic schools is so important for all Catholics, especially at this time when confusion and conflicting values present significant obstacles and challenges to the developing faith of our Catholic young people. All Catholics, especially parents, need to make an unrelenting effort through every concrete means possible to make true Catholic education at every level available to and for them. As we enter this Jubilee Year, let us all “fan the flames of hope (Pope Francis)” that Catholic schools and Catholic organizations that support them provide.”

Respectfully yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., J.C.D.
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