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Diocese of Charleston celebrates Catholic Schools Week

CHARLESTON — Catholic Schools Week 2023 is from Jan. 30 through Feb. 4. It's a time to celebrate all the elements that make Catholic schools the perfect choice for families. This year's theme is *Faith. Excellence. Service.*

"Each of our schools lives this theme every day," said William Ryan, Catholic school superintendent for the Diocese of Charleston. "Our schools provide faith-filled environments, excellent academic programs, and many service activities for students to support those who live in underserved communities."

During Catholic Schools Week, diocesan schools hold special events like conducting fundraisers for community nonprofits, sending thank-you notes to school supporters and first responders, and delivering canned goods to area food banks. Some schools host spirit days, sponsor career fairs, or create artwork in honor of Catholic education. Additionally, Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, Bishop of Charleston, will offer Mass on Jan. 30, which will be livestreamed to all Catholic schools across the state.

Diocesan schools have a lot to celebrate. Enrollment in South Carolina Catholic schools has increased by 10% over the past three years. Additionally, Catholic school students outperform those students in public schools, and Catholic schools nationally, on standardized tests in math and reading across all grade levels.

"Our schools' many successes would not be possible without strong leadership, excellent teachers, committed parents and exceptional students," said Ryan.

There are 32 Catholic schools in South Carolina including 28 elementary schools, four diocesan high schools, and one independent high school.

For more information on the Catholic Schools in the Charleston area, visit charlestdiocese.org/schools.

ABOUT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

Founded in 1820, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston is comprised of 114 parishes and missions, 32 Catholic schools, and 350,000 people. It encompasses the state of South Carolina.

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