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Essay/Testimonial Request for the Annual Report of the Office of Catholic Schools

The Office of Catholic Schools will be publishing its first “Annual Report” this fall, and we would like to invite short essay submissions by students, faculty and staff members, pastors and priests/religious, and families.

The annual report is an opportunity to highlight the amazing work of our great schools and to connect with our many constituencies throughout the Archdiocese.

We would greatly appreciate **100-200 word essays/testimonials** focusing on, for example,

- “Why I love my Catholic school”
- The value of a Catholic school education
- What a Catholic education means
- The importance of Gospel-centered communities in schools
- Excellent academics focused on student growth made possible by outstanding teachers
- The importance of educating the whole person (art, music, athletics, etc.)
- Catholic schools supporting community members through difficulties
- The importance of faith-centered service-learning experiences
- Faith experiences made possible through Catholic schools

We will select one or more essays to include in our annual report. **The individual who submits a published essay will receive a gift card from the Office of Catholic Schools as will the principal of the school the individual represents!**

Each submission should **include the author’s name and should also indicate his/her school association** (i.e., *Jane Q. Public – 3rd Grader at Central Catholic* or *John Doe – Parent at Our Lady of Providence* or *Theodore Guerin – 6th Grade Teacher at St. Gabriel School*).

Please have all submissions emailed by Tuesday, September 15, to

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We also welcome quotations and photographs for use in the annual report.

Your time and attention are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your commitment to our shared mission of *supporting families, forming young people, and transforming the future.*