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Dear Parent,

"God bless you!"

This is how Bishop Sharfenberger began his homily at the Catholic Schools Liturgy a couple of weeks ago. Throughout the mass I reflected on the countless ways Catholic education has been and continues to be a blessing to me. Surrounded by hundreds of families, teachers, pastors and colleagues the feeling of community in the Cathedral was palpable. That feeling of community and sense of unity is also so very palpable here at St. Ambrose School each and every day.

My journey in Catholic education began nearly 30 years ago when I landed my first teaching job at St. Thomas School in Delmar. I vividly remember the first day of school beginning with a prayer service. After sniffing all the way back to my classroom, I told my 6th graders they were so lucky to have the opportunity to pray together. Being a product of public schools, I had never encountered such an awe-inspiring experience. From that moment on, I was "hooked" and the blessings have flowed ever since. Morning Prayer is still my favorite part of the day and nary a school mass goes by when I do not get teary-eyed. I look forward to each day with the same passion and excitement I felt 30 years ago.

My career has brought so many amazing encounters with Christ through the thousands of students I have taught, families I have come to know and love, teachers I've had the great pleasure of working with, colleagues in our diocese and across the nation who helped me grow, and the many woman religious, pastors and bishops whose support and encouragement have been truly amazing. Thank you and your child for being the face of Christ that greets me each day.

To you I say: ***"God bless you!"*** for giving your child(ren) the gift of a Catholic education. It surely is a gift that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely yours,

Terri McGraw
Principal

