



## WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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### **GOVERNOR WALKER PROCLAIMS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Governor Scott Walker has proclaimed January 31 through February 6, 2016, as Catholic Schools Week in Wisconsin. The proclamation coincides with the national observance of this week-long celebration and recognizes the nearly 300 Catholic schools in Wisconsin now serving approximately 57,000 Wisconsin students.

Noting that Catholic schools in Wisconsin “provide students with an education that emphasizes the formation of moral values and a commitment to community service,” the proclamation recognizes that Catholic schools educate students in preparation for their responsibilities as members of society. The Governor’s words are in keeping with this year’s Catholic Schools Week theme, “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.”

The annual week-long observance celebrates how a vital ministry of the Church and a valuable community resource, our Catholic schools, support parents in their role as the primary educators of their children. As the Governor’s proclamation acknowledges, “the welfare of our State requires that this and future generations of school-age children be assured ample opportunity to develop their intellectual capacities to the fullest.” For hundreds of thousands of students in Wisconsin, Catholic schools have provided this opportunity and will continue to do so for thousands more.

Catholic schools across Wisconsin host a multitude of events in observance of Catholic Schools Week, including Masses, open houses, and special activities. To find out the special ways in which this week is being celebrated, contact your local Catholic school or visit the school’s website.

A copy of the proclamation is attached.

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