

WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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GOVERNOR EVERS PROCLAIMS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Governor Tony Evers has proclaimed January 26 through February 1, 2025, as Catholic Schools Week in Wisconsin. The proclamation coincides with the national observance of Catholic Schools Week and recognizes the over 275 Catholic schools in Wisconsin now serving over 51,000 Wisconsin students.

While Catholic education has been celebrated for generations, we have celebrated Catholic Schools Week in the United States since 1974 and Catholic education has nearly two centuries of history in Wisconsin. As noted in the proclamation, Catholic schools provide "a learning environment that emphasizes the formation of Catholic values and a commitment to community service."

The Governor's words are in keeping with the theme of Catholic Schools Week, "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." The annual week-long observance celebrates a vital ministry of the Church and a valuable community resource, our Catholic schools. 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 are hosting many events in observance of Catholic Schools Week, including Masses, open houses, and special activities for students. 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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STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

WHEREAS; since 1974, Catholic Schools Week has celebrated Catholic education across the United States; and

WHEREAS; throughout the state, Catholic schools have educated countless students in preparation for their responsibilities as members of society; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to hundreds of Catholic schools that offer religious-based education to thousands of students annually, providing a learning environment that emphasizes Catholic values and a commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin recognizes Catholic Schools Week and wishes the students, families, teachers, administrators, and staff well as they celebrate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim January 26 – February 1, 2025, as

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 25th day of December 2024.

Pis **ONY EVERS** GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

ODEEW Secretary of State