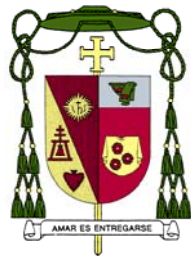


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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we celebrate National Catholic Schools' Week, I want to let you know that I am especially praying for you this week and throughout this "Year for Youth". The Diocese of San Bernardino celebrates you in this "Year for Youth." Our diocesan offices and all Catholic adults are here to help support you and other young people in your school and our local community. Please tell us how we can support and accompany you on your faith journey.

I pray the Holy Spirit helps you with your studies and in building friendships with each other.

I pray that your educators are blessed with patience, sincerity, smiles and an appreciation for youth.

I pray that you show your parents that you appreciate their efforts in sending you to Catholic School.

You can show your families and friends that you have strong faith, through your actions by doing your best in school and by showing your kindness and appreciation for life through service to the poor in your community.

I pray you will continue to bring light, laughter and love to all you come across.

I pray that Jesus keeps you safe everywhere you go, and I pray that as you mature, your love for God grows in you.

May our Lord bless each of you and your family with health, joy and peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes
Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino