



Summer 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope you are having a good summer; I certainly am. I'm enjoying my first summer in Milwaukee by getting to know all of you at Masses, parish celebrations and ethnic festivals. It's a great time of year for spending time with friends old and new, for rejuvenation and for taking vacations from work and school.

Although classes are out for a few months, our children's education is a subject we think about year round. Few decisions are more important than where to send your children to school. The education they receive has a lasting and profound impact on their entire lives.

If you haven't decided where your children will be attending school this fall, **I encourage you to consider Catholic education.** I know you want to give your child the benefit of an excellent academic education. You also want your child to learn and live the values that will guide them throughout their lives. That kind of education is found in Catholic schools.

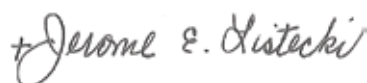
Students in Catholic schools benefit from superior academics. Our average Catholic grade school student performs better on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills than 70% of students who took the test nationally, and maintains that performance over five years across all subject areas. Our high school students achieved an average composite ACT score of 23.6 last year – higher than the Wisconsin state average of 22.3 and the national average of 21.1.

Additionally, in Catholic schools children learn from the greatest teacher of all time - Jesus Christ. His lessons and his life form the foundation of education which is integrated in the classroom, on the playground, at Mass and during extracurricular activities. Students not only learn the faith – they live it!

Exceptional academics. Solid religious instruction. That unique blend of education and faith in a safe, values-based environment prepares your children for future success, and helps them lead a Christ-centered life.

It's not too late to enroll your children in one of our 125 Catholic schools. Find a school near you at **[schools.archmil.org](http://schools.archmil.org)**. I encourage you to take a tour and talk to parents of current students. I know you will agree that Catholic schools provide an education we can all have faith in.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki  
Archbishop of Milwaukee