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Dear Administrators and Educators:

I am pleased to share the new policies for all Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Erie. These policies, which were developed through a collaborative process involving a variety of stakeholders, are guided by Canon law which seeks to ensure:

- Vigilance in Catholic mission and identity
- Educational integrity and
- The safety of all students and employees in schools.

These new policies have been written to provide school administrators with as much autonomy as possible while maintaining compliance with civil and canon law. This project is ongoing and additional policies and guidance will be provided in the near future.

As you work to implement these new policies into your schools and systems, I have directed the Catholic Schools Office with the responsibility of assisting school administrators to provide support and guidance and to monitor compliance. It is my hope that we can all work together to strengthen the Catholic educational experience for all students attending a Catholic school.

Thank you for your ministry which is essential to the life of the Church and its continued growth. You are in my prayers. With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

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