



**Auxiliary Bishop
Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

July 24, 2017

Dear Friends in Catholic Education,

With the departure of Debbie Brillante as the Superintendent for Elementary Education for the Archdiocese, Mrs. Judy Sweeney has generously agreed to serve as Interim Superintendent while I, along with the Executive Board of Elementary Education (EBEE) and the Faith in the Future Foundation (FIF), review the present structure of the Office for Catholic Education (OCE) with the intention of better aligning personnel to best support elementary, secondary and special education in the Archdiocese. A particular goal is to provide more focus and attention to issues impacting our parish and regional elementary schools.

A first step in this ongoing process is to create a new position of a Secretary for Elementary Education. Our hope is to identify a candidate for this new position within the next six months during which time further proposals for restructuring OCE will be reviewed to determine the most effective way to align present OCE personnel in support of a revised OCE office structure. We value your input in this process and will be forming focus groups to assist the EBEE as we move forward with this process.

Finally, we will also appreciate your prayers, patience and support during this interim period as we seek to better serve and support Catholic Education in the archdiocese.

Thank you for all you do to support our young people, their families and our Catholic schools.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Michael Fitzgerald
Chair EBEE

Brother Richard Kestler, FSC
Co-Chair EBEE

Mr. Jerry Parsons
Co-Chair EBEE