

## **A Letter from the Governing Board of Pastors Father Quindlen, Epiphany of Our Lord Parish, Plymouth Meeting**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

November is a month of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Day is probably the closest we come to a national holy day. On the fourth Thursday of November we give thanks to God for “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

November is an opportune time to give thanks to God also for *One Faith, One Family, One School* as members of our Holy Rosary Region Catholic School Community. We likewise give thanks to God for all Catholic schools and the Catholic education and faith formation they provide.

A Guest Editorial published Aug. 16 in the *National Catholic Register* newspaper, titled “Catholic Schools Are Worth Saving,” was written by Cardinal Dolan of New York, Cardinal O’Malley of Boston, and Archbishop Gomez of Los Angeles, who is president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“Catholic schools are worth saving,” they emphasized, not only for the proven results in serving children from low-income, working-class and middle income families, but because of the impact our schools have on American society as a whole.”

“Catholic schools,” they noted, “also educate sufficient number of students who are not Catholic, including children from Protestant, Jewish and Muslim families and from homes where no religion is claimed. These parents, like Catholic parents, want a great education for their children.”

In their Aug. 24 letter to priests responsible for the administration of a school, Arch-bishop Perez and Auxiliary Bishop Fitzgerald wrote, “Forming future leaders for our church and society is an awesome responsibility shared by all those working to provide the lifelong gift of Catholic education. We are a people of faith. With hope and faith, we will prevail together. May St. John Neumann, patron of our schools, protect all our school communities and keep them safe.”

Happy Thanksgiving Day!  
God Bless You,  
Father Quindlen