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To the presidents, principals, faculty, staff and students in the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Trenton:

Happy Catholic Schools Week 2015! Thank you all for your devotion, commitment and love of Catholic education.

I have been overwhelmed --- there is not better word to describe it --- with the literally thousands of cards, letters, emails, videos, drawings and pictures, prayers and spiritual bouquets I have received from our students and schools throughout the Diocese of Trenton during my hospital stay in the past month. If anything demonstrated the unique Catholic spirit of our schools, it has been this outpouring of love and prayers you offered for your Bishop. I am deeply moved by your messages which are spread out on my dining room table. What an incredible gift to me! I cannot thank you enough.

During my sickness and the process of recovery, I have and will continue to remember all of you in my prayers! What a nice way to begin Catholic Schools Week 2015 when we celebrate our "communities of faith, knowledge and service" scattered throughout the four counties Diocese of Trenton! May God bless you and may our Catholic schools remain strong!

Lovingly yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., J.C.D.
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