STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Catholic Schools Week has celebrated Catholic education in the United States since 1974, and the Catholic education landscape has nearly two centuries of history in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; this year, Catholic schools in our state and across our nation are celebrating with the theme, "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service."; and

WHEREAS; 270 Catholic schools throughout Wisconsin provide religious-based education to nearly 51,000 students and their families annually, preparing students for their responsibilities as residents of our state and as members of society; and

WHEREAS; the mission of Catholic schools is to foster integrity, compassion, and concern for others by providing students with a learning environment that emphasizes the formation of values and a commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS; Catholic schools in Wisconsin are also dedicated to supporting parents in the development of their children's intellectual and academic capacities to their full potential; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins Catholic school families, teachers, administrators, and staff in celebrating the quality education that Catholic schools provide, including during the unprecedented challenges and uncertainties of the past year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim January 31 – February 6, 2021, as

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 22nd day of January 2021.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State