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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In today's electronic communication age it is important for us to be kept informed of events, news and legislation that affect our Church and schools. I invite you to visit the web site of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie (<http://eriercd.org>) to view all the latest news and happenings in our local diocese.

I also invite you to visit the following web site (<http://www.pacatholic.org>) to sign up for a beneficial email service newsletter from the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. The PA Catholic Conference needs your support for the **Advocates for Catholic Education in Pennsylvania**, commonly known as **ACE+PA**. Members of **ACE+PA** receive the latest news and information about educational issues as well as resources for how to visit, call, e-mail or write your elected officials. The email system they've created to contact your legislators on important issues and votes is particularly efficient and easy to use; the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference provides specific talking points from which you can craft a personalized, informed message within minutes. This grassroots network of individuals concerned with Catholic education will assist us in speaking with one united voice to the governor, state legislature and others on behalf of Catholic schools, students and families.

Our state is on the verge of a possible significant era for Catholic education. The current Pennsylvania legislative session brings hope and promise of meaningful educational reform. I ask you to consider becoming an Advocate for Catholic Education in Pennsylvania and to circulate this information to everyone in your Catholic community so that they may have the opportunity to subscribe to this important service and make their voices heard.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Donald W. Trautman

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