

Catholic Schools Week

January 25-31, 2009

- WHEREAS, Millions of Catholic students around the country will "Celebrate Service" during National Catholic Schools Week from January 25-31 by volunteering in their communities and parishes; and
- WHEREAS, Catholic Schools Week is an annual national commemoration of the important role that Catholic elementary and secondary schools across the country play in providing exceptional education for America's young people; and
- WHEREAS, National Catholic Schools Week not only features education that goes beyond traditional education by preparing students for a Christian life, but also honors the high standards of excellence and the quality of the education available to all students in Catholic elementary and secondary schools across the country; and
- WHEREAS, During Catholic Schools Week, Wednesday is observed as National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools, on which day, student delegations meet on Capitol Hill to deliver packets of information about the quality of Catholic education to U.S. congressional leaders; and
- WHEREAS, In 1974, Catholic Schools Week became an annual event in which schools typically celebrate with masses, open houses and activities for students, administrators, faculty, school staff, the community and families; and
- WHEREAS, Catholicism has a long and rich tradition of direct service to those in need, as well as social justice efforts to end social ills like racism and inequality through its Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching focusing on solving problems in society, like homelessness, poverty and violence; and
- WHEREAS, St. Columban School, which serves students in grades K-8 of all religious, racial, ethnic and income backgrounds, will partake in the 36th annual Catholic Schools Week; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Garden Grove supports all educational networks that emphasize intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical, and social values in their students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby proclaim January 25-31, 2009, as Catholic Schools Week in the City of Garden Grove.

January 27, 2009



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