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Dear Parents,

On Wednesday of last week, it was my great pleasure to spend time with the students of Our Lady of Victories School. The students were at the door and singing when I arrived—such a beautiful way to start the visit. I was able to visit each classroom and see all of the extraordinary things occurring in the school. Everywhere I went, I saw students that are thriving in a Catholic atmosphere that enables them, every day, to grow in their love for Jesus and develop a strong relationship with Him. What a wonderful atmosphere for students as they pursue their studies!

I was particularly pleased to be able spend time talking to the students individually. As we spoke, I reminded them that they should be sure to thank each of their parents for providing the opportunity to attend such a wonderful school. I hope you got that “thank you.”

I am grateful to Father Ryan, Ms. Casciola-Kitts, the faculty and staff for their hospitality today. I am most grateful to you for the faith you have placed in Our Lady of Victories School, recognizing the great gift of a Catholic school education. While there are many schools available to you I am grateful that you have chosen the one that reflects your values and beliefs. I know that it can be a financially difficult to have children in a Catholic school, and I thank you for making all of the sacrifices you make. As a product of a Catholic school education, I know the difference it makes to have that unique home and school partnership that forms when students attend a school that reflects the values of the home.

As we approach the Lenten season, I pray that you and your family will find ways to encounter Jesus, his Blessed Mother and his Church in this sacred time of renewal. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family, and I hope you will keep me in your prayers as well.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen