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Dear School Communities,

May the peace of Christ be with all of you!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you back to the 2014-2015 school year. Each year brings much excitement around our diocese. Our two new school buildings are on schedule for completion at St. Anthony and Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Schools. Administrators and teachers are working diligently and enthusiastically to continue providing the best teaching practices, grading policies, and implementation of the Florida Standards with a strong integration of our Catholic teachings and values throughout our curriculum.

We welcome the new Alliance for Catholic Education community in Tampa. These teachers will be working in several of our schools in Hillsborough County. This summer I had the wonderful opportunity to teach and work with these teachers and several aspiring Catholic school leaders at the University of Notre Dame, and what a sign of hope and “animo” (courage) these individuals have.

This year we need to focus on sharing the “good news” -that our Catholic schools and Centers are academic institutions of excellence. We need to share and proclaim that the core to our existence is Christ and because of this we are unique, we are missionary in all that we do, and we are a faith-filled community striving to make this world a better place. Each one of you has a responsibility to share this good news, share your accomplishments, and be witnesses of Christ’s love to the communities that you serve and to the greater community. This is your challenge, as well as mine.

I take this opportunity to wish you many blessings this academic year. Pray for each other as I will be praying for you. On behalf of the Office of the Superintendent-Office of Catholic Schools and Centers I wish you a productive and fun-filled school year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Dr. Alberto Vázquez Matos