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Dear Parents, Grandparents, Students and Stakeholders,

The Christmas season is upon us and soon we will dismiss from school in anticipation of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you once again for the courage, strength, and fortitude you have shown these past several months. It goes without saying that this school year has been challenging, but together we are fighting the good fight, we *will* finish the race, and most importantly we have kept the faith.

The last couple weeks I have visited all 15 of our Catholic schools in person and what I have seen reinforces my belief that all children in Western Tennessee should attend one of these fabulous schools. From the outstanding Christmas programs to the choir and band concerts, great action on the court and in the classroom, our schools “Don’t Settle”.

As I close this letter I ask you to take some time this holiday season to reflect upon all your blessings, become closer to Jesus receiving our church’s sacraments by attending Mass and just relax and enjoy. And when your day isn’t going well pull out your phone and replay those Christmas program memories because what I saw from all our students these past few weeks was peace and harmony. Let that peace and harmony guide you in your everyday life remembering that not getting the best grade, not playing the most minutes in a game or not getting the outcome you desire shouldn’t deter you from the ultimate goal; getting yourselves and all those around you to the Promised Land. Enjoy a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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