

Good Morning, my name is Chris Keavy and I am the Principal of Pope John Paul II High School. Before we conclude today's celebration, I want to take a moment to tell you how delighted I am that this Catholic Schools Week event has come together and to share a few closing remarks.

In 1994, Holy Trinity School and St. Margaret Regional School were established. St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School opened in 1996. Then, St. Pius X School in 2004, and now, in 2007, Pope John Paul II High School. In less than fifteen years, these five schools assembled here this morning were founded, have grown, and now, form a pathway, a family you might say, of Catholic, Christ-centered, schools for students and parents across Cape Cod and the Islands: from Buzzards Bay to Harwich, Kindergarten through high school.

The creation of this family of schools is a tremendous accomplishment, made possible by dedicated families and students, faculty, staff and administrators, friends and supporters, and the Diocese of Fall River. Our being together today not only recognizes each school individually but especially highlights our common mission this Catholic Schools Week: to bring Christ to our families and friends, each other, our Cape Cod community, and indeed wherever we go. May we be able to join together again many times knowing that, through this family of Catholic schools, we make Cape Cod a better place.

There are numerous "Thank You's" for an event like this: On behalf of my Principal colleagues I thank the priests of the Cape Cod deanery for their attendance and support this morning, Fr. George Bellenoit, Deacon David Deston and St. Pius X Parish for hosting today's event, all of our wonderful students who participated in today's liturgy and Mr. Mark Girardin, for organizing today's music ministry. Thank you teachers, staff, and guests, and especially, thank you students, for your wonderful cooperation and attention. Finally: Thank you Bishop Coleman. I know that I speak for all of us when I say that your presence and words on this special occasion mean a great deal to us and help show all of Cape Cod who we are and the exciting things that are happening in our Catholic Schools.