



**John Bel Edwards**  
GOVERNOR

## **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, evangelize hearts, educate minds, encourage talent, and embrace the future for all Catholic school students; and

**WHEREAS,** Catholic schools of Louisiana, and indeed of the entire nation, have traditionally provided outstanding education to those attending them, thus contributing to the welfare of the community; and

**WHEREAS,** in the past four years, six Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge have been named as Exemplary High Performing Schools by the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program sponsored by the United States Department of Education; and


**WHEREAS,** Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge have consistently demonstrated high academic achievement by attaining higher than the national and state averages on the American College Test (ACT); and

**WHEREAS,** by providing quality education for thousands of students each year, Catholic schools have helped relieve the financial burden placed on the public school system of Louisiana.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim January 29 - February 4, 2017 as

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**  
in the State of Louisiana.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State  
of Louisiana, at the Capital, in the City of Baton Rouge,  
on this 29th day of January A. D. 2017.*

  
Governor of Louisiana

