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Dear Parents and Guardians of Our Incoming Kindergarten Class,

I hope your families are preparing for a restful and restorative summer. We are eager to welcome your child into our kindergarten program in September!

Community is one of the hallmarks of a Catholic education, and we strive to build this in each of our Catholic elementary schools. You will be gathering as a kindergarten class next year from very different backgrounds. Some of you have had your children in our schools for one or two years for pre-kindergarten, while many families will be joining us for the first time in the fall. Regardless of your history in our Catholic schools, we are so glad to have you for the upcoming school year, and I would like to personally thank you for entrusting us with your child's education.

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York aim to provide a welcoming environment that supports your child's academic growth both inside and outside of the classroom. As such, we are pleased to offer you various materials in this packet that can help to support your child's learning during these summer months. Enclosed, you will find:

- Information about SmartyAnts, a FREE online reading-readiness program;
- A letter from our Associate Superintendent for Curriculum, Dr. Betsy Okello, with several ideas to boost your child's reading and math skills through engaging activities;
- An application for a public library card; and
- Additional materials from your specific school.

We know that kindergarten is the first step of a life-long academic journey. We look forward to partnering with you to ensure your child's success now and into adulthood.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. McNiff, Ed.D.
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