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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It gives me great joy to write to you about Saint Ambrose Academy. The truly Catholic education offered at Saint Ambrose Academy, in accord with the long tradition of Catholic schools in the Church, is a great gift to your homes, your local community, to our nation and to the world. It is at the heart of the mission of Christ in His Church, which is the salvation of souls, the salvation of the world.

Catholic education is *complete education*, that is, the competent imparting of knowledge and the development of skills within the context of the faith. In a truly Catholic school, knowledge is imparted and skills are developed, above all, within the context of the study of God and of His plan for us and for our world. Catholic education aims ultimately at the deepening of faith, of the student's relationship with Christ Who is the fullness of the revelation of God to us.

In the concern for our children, we must be tireless in imparting to them just such a complete education. For their sake, we must give particular attention to the *fundamental expression of our culture*, which is education. It is only a complete Catholic education which can assist our families to be the agents of the transformation of our neighborhoods, our communities, our nation and world. Our children who receive a truly Catholic education at home and at school will be effective, joyous and courageous agents of the transformation of culture in their various areas of endeavor.

I am pleased to be an Honorary Co-Chair for the Saint Ambrose Building Campaign by which you are embracing the challenge to provide the facilities necessary to carry out, with excellence, your mission of Catholic education on behalf of more and more families. *It is my hope to inspire as many as possible to support from their substance Saint Ambrose Academy by taking an active part in the Building Campaign.*

May God inspire and strengthen us all in the work of forming children who are the hope of the future of the Church and of society, in general. May God bless you, your homes, and your commitment to the apostolate of Saint Ambrose Academy.

Yours devotedly in the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Raymond Leo Cardinal BURKE