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Catholic Education Week 2025

It takes a village to raise a child, so says an African proverb. That is something the Catholic community has long recognised. And, in this Catholic Education Week, we know that Family, Parish and Schools must all work together for the sake of our children.

We want all our children to have a good education. We want them to grow in knowledge and understanding, to develop the wisdom with which to live a good life, to come know their place in the world as a beloved child of God, and to acquire values based on the teachings of Jesus.

Some of this our children learn through teaching, some is not taught but caught, when our children are inspired by the example of those around them.

Our Catholic schools are so important as they partner with parents in the challenging task of helping our children grow in knowledge and love. The work of teachers and support staff in our schools is a great blessing to so many.

All of us, though, as parishioners and members of that “village” which is the Church share in the responsibility of raising the child. Catholic Education Week reminds us of that.

May God give strength to parents and families, may God inspire all who work in our schools, and may God be with us to enable each of us to play our part in the education of our children.

With every good wish and blessing,

Devotedly in Christ,

+ William Nolan
Bishop President for Education