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*"I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever hunger; no one who believes in me will ever thirst." John 6:35*

September 12, 2022  
Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

Dear Beloved Pastors,

On October 20, 2022, the Office of the Superintendent of Schools will host its first in-person Spirituality Day for all teachers and principals of the Archdiocese of New York since 2019. We are exceedingly thankful and blessed to gather as a community of educators and begin the 2022 – 2023 school year, this year of the Eucharistic Revival, celebrating the very source and summit of our faith – Jesus' absolute and irrefutable presence in the Eucharist.

His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, will celebrate this special Mass at 9:00 AM in the Hynes Athletic Center on Iona University's beautiful New Rochelle campus. With gratitude for the gift of Catholic education, we will gather for this liturgy to honor and acknowledge the principals and teachers for their tireless efforts throughout the pandemic. In addition, we are incredibly grateful to be joined by Fr. Tony Ricard, M.Th., M.Div., a priest for the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Campus Minister at St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. Fr. Tony is an author of multiple books and has given keynote addresses, revivals, and youth talks across the country. He formed Knight Time Ministries in the wake of Hurricane Katrina to support Catholic school students.

We invite you to join us for this special event. If you can join us to concelebrate, please respond to Linda Dougherty, Associate Superintendent for Catholic Identity, at [linda.dougherty@archny.org](mailto:linda.dougherty@archny.org) or 646-794-2875 by Monday, October 3. Please bring your vestments with you that day.

As always, I cannot adequately thank you for your unwavering support, dedication, and devotion to our Catholic schools, which enables our schools to provide a quality, faith-filled education for each child and fosters a commitment to a vibrant Catholic identity personified by you, our pastors. We are honored to collaborate with you in service to the growth of the Church through Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael J. Deegan  
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