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Dear Pastors and Parochial Vicars,

On October 18, 2019, the principal of each elementary and high school in the Archdiocese of New York will gather in prayerful community at St. Frances de Chantal Church (190 Hollywood Avenue in the Bronx) to celebrate Mass as the 2019 – 2020 school year begins. We are blessed to be joined by Father Arthur Mastrolia as celebrant, in addition to Rev. Msgr. John Graham, who so graciously hosts these semiannual gatherings.

Given your integral role in Catholic education, I write to extend an invitation to concelebrate this Mass with our community of school leaders and central office staff. Should you be available to join us, please RSVP to Sr. Anne Massell, PBVM, Associate Superintendent for Mission Effectiveness, at anne.massell@archny.org. While I can share that concelebrants are asked to bring their own vestments, and that the Readings of the Day will be utilized for the liturgy, Sr. Anne can answer any additional questions.

Finally, following the Mass, Sister Carol Cimino SSJ, EdD, will deliver a keynote speech on ministerial leadership in the Church at Marina del Ray catering hall (a short walk from the church). Concelebrants are most welcome to join us for this presentation over coffee and cookies as well.

Please know of our gratitude for your leadership within our schools. Our educational community remains reliant on and thankful for your pastoral presence and guidance in our shared ministry of evangelizing children.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael J. Deegan
Interim Superintendent of Schools
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