



THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO
Office of the Bishop

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Ms. Kathleen Kelly
St. Mary of the Lake School
704 West Merchant Street
New Buffalo, MI 49117

Dear Ms. Kelly,

I want to personally take a moment to write a note of thanks to you, your faculty and students for your warm hospitality during my visit to St. Mary of the Lake School. What a wonderful way to start off my day!

I am so appreciative of the time and planning that you, your staff and the students put into organizing my visit. It was an honor to be able to celebrate Mass with Father Morris and the students, and to hear their joyful singing. I could tell the children had worked very hard.

Having the opportunity to visit the classrooms and see some of what the children have been working on was a great delight. I especially found little Matthew's comment on not liking the fact that first grade had "only two toys" rather funny.

Please extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those behind the scenes who helped with this event for their warm welcome and generous spirit.

Asking God's blessing upon you and the St Mary of the Lake School community as we continue *waiting in joyful hope*, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Paul J. Bradley
Bishop of Kalamazoo

CC: Rev. James Morris