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WHEREAS, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh celebrates National Catholic Schools Week with the theme of "Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service", which embraces the heart of Catholic education; and,

WHEREAS, Catholic schools create an environment where faith and culture are combined with education to ensure that our children and youth have the foundation and faith to live in our modern world; and,

WHEREAS, they serve both the faith community and society by educating children and youth to contribute to the common good by becoming active and caring members of the communities in which they live, which is evident by the many service projects required as part of the curriculum; and,

WHEREAS, Catholic Schools across the City of Pittsburgh observe National Catholic Schools Week with Mass, open house and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members focusing on the value that a Catholic education provides; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh for continuing to have a reputation for academic excellence and instilling spiritual values in their students; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, January 29 through Saturday, February 4, 2017 to be *"Catholic Schools Week"* in the City of Pittsburgh.