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Dear Kathleen,

On October 3, 2016 the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) presented the Elizabeth Ann Seton award to the Archdiocese of New York. The Seton Award, one of the highest honors bestowed by NCEA is given for leadership in Catholic education. Upon presenting the award, the NCEA President, Thomas W. Burnford, D.Min. said:

"Eight years ago the Archdiocese of New York established Pathways to Excellence, the strategic plan to ensure a vibrant, sustainable Catholic school system, both now and in the future. Today there are 216 schools serving 68,000 students from Pre-K through twelfth grade in nine geographic regions. In addition, now, every parish is responsible for, contributes to and has a voice in Catholic education, allowing re-investment into Catholic education while identifying and securing additional funding. This new funding has helped provide advanced teacher training and technology in classrooms and exciting new academic programs, while ensuring that the schools are places where Catholic culture will continue to thrive, now and in the future."

The accomplishments of which Dr. Burnford spoke are a result of the exemplary leadership of each principal and the commitment to excellence of every teacher and staff member. If there are honors to be bestowed, they are bestowed upon you and your staff. I thank you, your families and staff for your diligence, perseverance and commitment to forming saints and scholars. You and each staff member at Sacred Heart are the real 2016 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Honorees.

Sincerely,

Timothy McNiff, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Archdiocese of New York

