Office of the Bishop

November 12, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19.14)

The Diocese of Nelson is very blessed to have Catholic schools with dedicated teachers and support staff to educate our children in the Faith. A double blessing is that many of the schools are growing.

The Catholic Independent Schools of the Nelson Diocese (CISND) are looking for input from our Parish Community on how to support this growth! You will find attached to this letter a poster inviting you to share your thoughts through the CISND Parish Community Survey.

I encourage each one of you to participate. It is through your contribution as parents, grandparents, family and friends, where input for the future will come from. Our Catholic schools ensure that our Faith community and our society will have future leaders and active and caring citizens who will contribute to the common good, and build a world based on justice, truth and peace. Your input is very valued, so please watch for the survey link and provide your feedback.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support of our Catholic schools. God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ our Lord,



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