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Dear Sisters, and members and supporters of the Holy Child Network of Schools,

Greetings and best wishes to you all as a new academic year goes into full gear!

As we begin this new year of teaching and learning, I'm writing to let you know that this will be Sr. Eileen McDevitt's final year as Executive Director of the Holy Child Network of Schools. Our Board Chair, Sean Glynn, says it so well in his announcement of what that means for us all, pointing out that Eileen "created, ran and nurtured the Network for four decades."

In the words of our founder, Cornelia Connelly, we could say that she truly "ran with ardor" in the process of transmitting and adapting Cornelia's educational vision and philosophy to the ever-challenging needs of our time and place in this changing world.

Eileen's final year in the ministry of advancing the educational mission of the Catholic Church through the philosophy and spirituality of Cornelia, is an opportunity for all of us to express our thanks in many ways, wishing her every blessing of wisdom, well-earned satisfaction, and joy.

She will end her service as Executive Director on June 30, 2025. A search committee has been named and begun its work to seek out a new Executive Director who will carry the Network into the coming years.

Let's pray for the good work of the committee and be together as one community of gratitude and hopefulness in the months ahead.

Gratefully,

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