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EDUCATION - The "National Catholic Schools Week 2015" will be observed in dioceses around the country from January 25–31. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service", focuses on the important academic, faith-building and societal contributions provided by a Catholic education.

The note sent to Fides by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reports the words of Mgr. George Lucas of Omaha, Nebraska, chairman of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Education: "Catholic schools are a vital aspect of the Church's mission to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and so an important aspect of our own teaching mission".

About 2.1 million students are currently educated in nearly 6,600 Catholic schools in cities, suburbs, small towns and rural communities around the country. Students receive an education that prepares them for the challenges of higher education and a competitive work environment. An estimated 99 percent of students graduate from high school and 85 percent of Catholic school graduates attend college.

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