



State of Minnesota

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota ranks high among the states of this nation in the educational achievement of its citizens, and in the quality of the total education community which has fostered this achievement; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota schools from the beginning have included both those of the public system and those operated under nonpublic auspices, affording the parents of our state a choice of educational alternatives for their children; and
- WHEREAS: The religious groups of our state have had a long tradition of sponsoring schools on the elementary, secondary and college levels; among these groups, the Catholic Church began its first school in 1851, and now serves 70,000 students in the 256 elementary and secondary Catholic schools of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Throughout the United States during the first week of February, Catholic Schools Week will be observed, in order to recognize the dedicated efforts of lay and religious teachers, parents, administrators, clergy and students whose common strivings continue to make these schools possible, as well as to produce graduates who are responsible and contributing members of our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 5 through February 11, 1979, to be

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

in Minnesota, and applaud the commitment to quality education that is present in Catholic schools, and all schools in Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-nine, and of the State the one hundred twenty-first.

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