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Dear Sister Mary and Members of the Saint Augustine of Canterbury School Family:

As the personal representative of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United States of America, I offer you warm congratulations on the honor of being named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2016.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis, who has professed his own love for school, said:

**“A school’s mission is to develop the sense of the true, the sense of the good and the sense of the beautiful...and we learn that these three dimensions are never separated but rather are interwoven.... And together these elements make us grow and help us to love life, even when we are unwell, even amid difficulties. True education makes us love life, and it opens us to the fullness of life!”** (Address to Students and Teachers from Italy, 10 May 2014)

Your school’s receipt of the Blue Ribbon Award shows that you excel in the aforementioned mission. At the same time, you perform one of the most important ministries that the Church has offered to this nation throughout its history: Catholic schooling.

Please be assured of the spiritual communion that you enjoy with the Holy Father, and may God bless your continuing efforts to grow in the fullness of life through your Catholic education.

Assuring you of my own prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Christophe Pierre  
*Apostolic Nuncio*

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