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To the Principals of Catholic Schools
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My Dear School Principals

It seems like only a short time since I wrote to you at the start of the school year. Now, in these days of Advent, you are, no doubt, looking forward to the welcome respite of the Christmas vacation.

You do not need me to rehearse the many challenges that you and your staff and the wider school community have had to address over these past months. Once again, I thank you on behalf of our Parishes, the Christian community and wider society for your commitment, determination and adaptability in leading your schools and attending to the needs of the children and young people in your care.

My prayerful wish is that this Christmas, as you and your family and loved ones celebrate, in whatever form those celebrations may take, you will find a time of rest and renewal, and that all of us may be graced with a renewed sense of hope.

I would be grateful if you would share these wishes with your governors, teachers and support staff.

Yours in Christ

+Noel Treanor
Bishop of Down and Connor