Cardinal Seán's Blog

Cardinal Seán O'Malley shares his reflections and experiences (http://cardinalseansblog.org/)

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Hello and welcome!

This past weekend, we concluded our observance of Catholic Schools Week. We were glad that many of our schools were able to participate in different activities for Catholic Schools Week.



(http://cardinalseansblog.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/CSW2021.jpg)This has been a unique year in so many respects, and we are all very proud of what our Catholic schools have been able to accomplish despite all the challenges of the pandemic. We are very grateful to our Superintendent of Schools, Tom Carroll, who has worked so hard to equip our schools and the Catholic Schools Office to deal with the COVID crisis.

The National Catholic Education Association noted recently that the enrollment at Catholic schools around the country is 1,650,000 students attending about 6,000 schools. They also pointed out that 22 percent of those students are from racial minority backgrounds and 24 percent are from non-Catholic families. These figures point to the extraordinary contribution Catholic schools are making to our country.

I certainly want to encourage everyone to learn more about our Catholic schools in the archdiocese (https://www.csoboston.org/#block-cso-school-search-results-home) and hope they take advantage of the fine education and religious formation that they offer.

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(http://cardinalseansblog.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/POUA.jpg)

Since its founding half a century ago by Cardinal Cushing and Msgr. Michael Groden, the POUA has developed 3,000 units of affordable and mixed-income housing and provided homes for nearly 11,000 people. We are particularly proud of the POUA's collaboration with St. Francis House and the Pine Street Inn in their attempts to find housing for homeless and formerly-homeless people in our area.

Recently, the POUA released a video highlighting their work over the last 50 years, and I would like to share it with you here:



We are so grateful for this extraordinary work that has resulted in thousands of beautiful units of housing that have transformed people's lives.

Until next week,

Cardinal Seán

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