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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Indianapolis, the Crossroads of America! We are excited to invite you to the NCEA Conference being held in our beautiful city March 25-27, 2008. Besides attending liturgies, listening to outstanding speakers in their respective fields, and mingling with colleagues from all over the globe, you will also have the opportunity to visit St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, which was founded by St. Theodora Guérin, our newest American saint and the first saint from Indiana.

It may seem early to make your plans, but you know how quickly the school year passes, and we want to make sure you have your hotel and conference registrations in plenty of time. Registration will be available on the NCEA website by mid September. There will be a listing of hotels that are easily accessible by skywalk to the Convention Center. No matter what the temperature in our fair city, you will not have to venture outside. Isn't that the best news? No more shuttling back and forth!

Our teachers and catechists are anxious for you to see the amazing accomplishments of our students in both our parochial schools and our faith formation programs. We are proud of the fact that we lead the nation in parochial schools which have attained NCLB Blue Ribbon status.

As the Executive Director of Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, it is my pleasure to invite you to join your fellow educators and catechists to an amazing week of spiritual and educational development. Join us at the "Crossroads, Where Challenge Meets Opportunity."

God bless,

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**Executive Director** 

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