

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** West Virginia's Catholic schools are acclaimed for their academic excellence and provide students with numerous curricular and extra-curricular opportunities; and
- Whereas,** Catholic schools ensure a broad, value-based education emphasizing the lifelong development of intellectual, spiritual, physical, and social values in West Virginia's young people; and
- Whereas,** the total number of Catholic schools in West Virginia is 25, including Wheeling University; and
- Whereas,** the 2025-2026 total Catholic school enrollment for elementary and secondary schools is 4,779; and
- Whereas,** the graduation rate for West Virginia Catholic high school students is over 99%, and nearly 98% of the graduates go on to pursue higher levels of education; and
- Whereas,** Catholic schools produce students dedicated to their faith, values, families, and communities by providing an intellectually stimulating environment rich in spirit, character, and moral development; and
- Whereas,** Catholic Schools Week recognizes the vital contributions of America's thousands of Catholic elementary and secondary schools, and honors Catholic schools, students, parents, and teachers across West Virginia for their ongoing contributions to education and for the key role they play in promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for West Virginia and the nation.

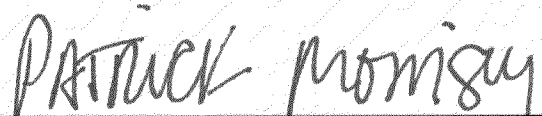
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *January 25 – 31, 2026*, as:

Catholic Schools Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Fifth Day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State