

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, *Catholic Schools Week* is an annual national celebration of the important role that Catholic elementary and secondary schools and early childhood centers play in providing a comprehensive, values-based education for America's young people; and,

WHEREAS, we take the opportunity to acknowledge the **155 years** that Catholic schools have served in the State of Mississippi; and,

WHEREAS, Catholic schools throughout Mississippi have educated thousands of students of Catholic and other faith traditions in a learning environment of high academic standards, values and religious beliefs supported by the home; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the commitment of parents and guardians who send their children to Catholic schools and the millions of dollars that Catholic schools save the tax payer; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the thousands of teachers and auxiliary personnel who have provided and continue to provide outstanding education to youngsters in Catholic schools throughout the State of Mississippi; and,

WHEREAS, the theme "**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Where Faith & Knowledge Meet**," showcases 8,200 Catholic schools in our nation in which 2.6 million students are enrolled and spotlights the key role Catholic schools play in charting the course for the new century and underscores that Catholic schools are vital to the future of the Catholic Church and to our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the week of January 27 through February 2, 2002, as

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

in the State of Mississippi and encourage our citizens to join in celebrating and recognizing the incalculable contribution Catholic schools make in our State and in our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, January 7, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR