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500 CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN 14TH ANNUAL FOURTH GRADE SONGFEST

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. - Nearly 500 fourth grade students representing 22 elementary schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids will gather for the **14th Annual Fourth Grade Songfest, Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at 7 p.m. at the DeltaPlex Entertainment and Expo Center in Walker.**

“The songfest is always a fun and high energy event,” said Dr. Bernard Stanko, superintendent of elementary curriculum for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. The evening reflects the outstanding effort that the students have put forth. Songfest further provides opportunities for interaction and camaraderie among students from neighboring schools.”

The students have been learning the words and music from special selections that were chosen because of their relevance to the fourth grade diocesan curriculum. Earlier in the year, students were assigned a pen pal from a participating school. Pen pals meet and have lunch on the day of the program.

Over 6,300 students attend the 32 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. The diocese serves 178,000 Catholics in 103 parishes and missions throughout an 11-county area.

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