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## USCCB committee chair, private schools welcome passage of new federal education law



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The chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catholic Education has welcomed the passage of a major federal education law, the Every Student Succeeds Act.

The measure passed by large margins in the House of Representatives (381-41) and the Senate (87-10) and was signed into law by President Barack Obama on December 10.

"The Every Student Succeeds Act demonstrates that there is broad bipartisan agreement on restoring equitable treatment of private schools and ensuring that all children are afforded the education services, benefits, and opportunities they deserve, regardless of the type of school they attend," said Archbishop George Lucas of Omaha.

The National Catholic Education Association and the Council for American Private Education have also praised the new law, which offers private school students greater access to federal program funding than did the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

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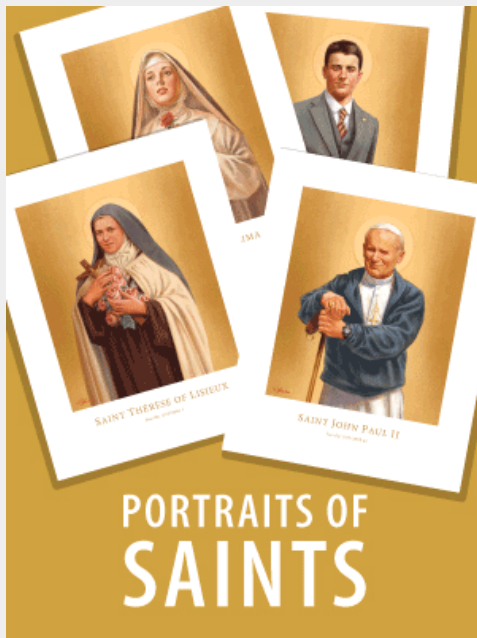
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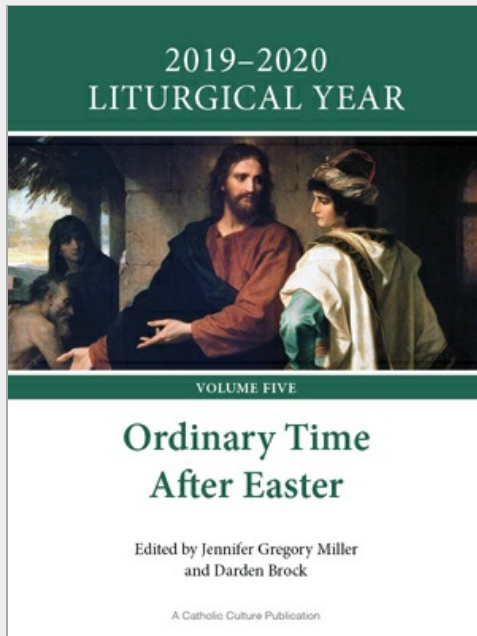
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