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Dear Principal, Staff and Pupils,

I wish to greet you as you begin a new academic year now that the first hectic week is over.

The tragedy which occurred on Augus.t 25th in Clonmel with four young lives lost has affected us all, people from across the Diocese and across the country and has brought into sharp reality, the fragility of life. The way people rallied around the families was most helpful and I was struck by the teachers and family members who asked me to pray for them.

As you begin together a new academic year, I wish you all every blessing for the year ahead. I will keep you in my daily prayers and look forward to meeting you at Confirmation time, if not before. No doubt, Sr. Antoinette will be calling in with her team. We are fortunate to have one who is so committed.

I pray for God's blessing on all of your pupils and staff.

Yours sincerely,

Most Reverend Alphonsus Cullinan, DD,

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