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Dear Beginning Teacher in the 2010-11 school year,

The purpose of this letter is to formally introduce my research study involving the mentor teachers and beginning teachers in the Catholic dioceses of Ohio and Colorado. I am a doctoral candidate at The Catholic University of America and a former teacher and principal in Catholic schools. The title of my dissertation is *A Study of Mentors and Beginning Teachers in Catholic Elementary Schools*.

Your superintendent is aware of my research and has granted me permission to contact you to request your assistance. My survey instrument, ***Beginning Teacher Survey***, is hosted by surveymonkey.com. Participants respond anonymously to the survey and can complete it in approximately 20 minutes.

The link to the survey is <https://www.monkeysurvey.com/s/WCMWQTX>. . The survey link will remain active through the month of September. If you receive a message about the security certificate, please be assured that the website is safe and you can proceed to the survey.

Thank you in advance for considering my request for participation in this research study. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Your support for Catholic school research is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

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