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**John Paul II Catholic Academy students inducted by the  
Catholic Schools Foundation into Ninth Class of Peter S. Lynch Scholars**

Wednesday, November 7th, Newton, MA – At Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Newton, MA, a Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Seán O’Malley, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Boston, to induct the ninth class of Peter Lynch (PL) Scholars. The Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Jack Ahern, Fr. Thomas Boudreau and Fr. John Currie. For the 2018-2019 school year, 13 Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy students were among 197 elementary students to be inducted into the ninth class of PL Scholars by the Catholic Schools Foundation (CSF). Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy students were joined by PL Scholars from 54 Catholic elementary schools across the Greater Boston Area.

Recipients from Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy were:

**Neponset Campus:** Aaron Collier, Eva Gordon, Angie Edouard, Anthony Martindale and Haziet Dong

**Lower Mills Campus:** Sanai-Love Brandao, Adrian Puello-Gonzalez, Ne’Kyi Easter, Eliana Jean, and Makayla Deschamps

**Columbia Campus:** Chlory Lamerique, Stefany Contreras and Jovani Maestre

Peter Lynch, known for his successful career as a money manager at Fidelity Investments, is a longtime supporter of Boston’s Catholic Schools and serves as President Emeritus for the Catholic Schools Foundation. In his honor, The PL Scholars Program was established in 2010 to honor Mr. Lynch’s involvement with the Catholic Schools Foundation and the Inner-City Scholarship Fund.

Each Catholic elementary school selects their PL Scholars based upon, among other criteria, his or her grades, work ethic and demonstrated care and concern for others in the school community and beyond.

Cardinal O’Malley was accompanied by Michael B. Reardon, Executive Director of the Catholic Schools Foundation and Amy Ryan, Deputy Superintendent for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. Catholic Schools Foundation Board Members Peter Lynch, Mike Rogers, Robert Cunjak and David Foley were also in attendance.

“You have a Peter Lynch Scholarship because someone sees potential in you,” Mike Reardon said while addressing the Peter Lynch Scholars inductees of 2018. “Because someone sees you as a person in your community who has been called to serve, called to care; just like Peter Lynch has spent the last thirty years caring about each of you.”

**The Mass music was provided by the choir from Cardinal Spellman High School in Brockton.**

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