The Holy Cross Sisters have had a presence in classrooms that dates back to 1934 when they accepted a request from the Archbishop of Cincinnati to staff St. John the Evangelist School in Deer Park, Ohio.

Although they no longer have a presence in the classroom, they have not stopped supporting Catholic education. Through a FAME (Formation and Enablement) Grant, six elementary schools were recognized during Catholic Schools Week, January 26 through February 1. The schools each received a $500 grant to help support the core values of their schools.

This year’s recipients included St. Benedict the Moor School, New Orleans; St. Francis Xavier School, Merrill, WI; Our Lady of the Lake School, Ashland, WI; Newman Catholic Schools, Wausau, WI; All Saints Catholic School, Antigo, WI; Nativity of Our Lord School Rhinelander, WI.

Pictured are students with Bob Massoglia, teacher in the Kindergarten Class at Our Lady of the Lake School in Ashland, Wisconsin. Mrs. Betty Speich, second grade teacher and Mrs. Melanie Nycz, principal at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Drue Dumas, principal at St. Benedict the Moor School, New Orleans with some of the students. A student from Newman High School in Wausau, WI.