

# **Schools have proven worthy of support**

Having read reports about the schools crisis, I can only reflect on my own experience in Catholic education, both as a student and a teacher. As a student, I attended Sacred Heart of Jesus School in Highlandtown. The eight years there set me on my spiritual and intellectual journey. The School Sisters of Notre Dame and the lay teachers taught with passion; subjects came alive under their tutelage. I spent nearly 20 years teaching at Our Lady of Pompei and Our Lady of the Rosary high schools. Like Sacred Heart of Jesus School, they are now defunct. I urge all Catholic educators, particularly those who work with “at risk” students to voice their concerns and, at all costs, do not desert our schools, for life isn’t fair and the church may be a business, but God is good.