

October 12, 2016

Dear St. Mary School Families,

Greetings on this beautiful October day! As we continue to dedicate this month to the Holy Rosary, please know that we are keeping each of you in our daily prayers.

I am writing to you today with news about our upcoming appeal letter, scheduled to be mailed out this week.

As many of you know, the cost to educate each child at St. Mary School exceeds the actual cost of tuition. To help offset that gap, we started *The St. Mary School Annual Fund* last year. After a very successful inaugural year, we are launching our second year of this very important endeavor. Our theme, Embracing Tradition – Building a Legacy, encompasses all that we strive to do on a daily basis.

We invite parents, grandparents, faculty, alumni, and friends to help us advance the mission of St. Mary School through the Annual Fund. We have a lofty goal: 100% participation from our board members, faculty, staff and parents. This is only possible with your help. Gifts to the Annual Fund will help bridge the financial gap and provide operational support to ensure our continued legacy.

Simply put, Catholic education is needed more than ever in our world. Please help us continue to educate and form each child academically, spiritually and socially. Your tax-deductible gift, in any amount, will help to positively impact the lives of our current and future students.

Like you, I feel blessed to be at St. Mary School. I want to thank you for your consideration when you receive our Annual Fund appeal letter this week.

May God continue to watch over our children and our community.

Gratefully,

Principal