



St. Vincent de Paul School

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Dear St. Vincent de Paul Parishioners,

As we begin our 50th anniversary year, this is a great time to reflect on the many blessings that our children receive as members of St. Vincent de Paul School. Since our school was established in 1964 by the Sisters of Notre Dame, we have provided an exceptional faith based education in a strong Catholic environment. Unlike state run schools, we emphasize that all we have and all we are comes from a loving God. We acknowledge that the ultimate act of God's love is Jesus who gathers us together as a community of faith and continues to share his life with us.

Our faculty is dedicated to passing along our Catholic faith and traditions and to fostering a joy for learning in our students. We have a strong academic program where the majority of our students score beyond their grade level. Our graduates have gone on to neighboring Catholic and public high schools where they have been successful and several have become valedictorians and salutatorians. We also include the arts in a well rounded program that includes music, art and drama. Many of our students participate in CYO sports. In addition, we are committed to providing service opportunities at all grade levels in our parish and to the greater community. Through our service projects last year, we collected almost 200 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes for children in other countries, over 200 pairs of hats and gloves to warm the children in the community, donated over 30 boxes of food for the St. Vincent DePaul Society food bank and holiday baskets, sold bracelets for the families in the Philippines, collected over \$300 for Nativity House, assisted for a day at L'Arche Tahoma Hope Home, and sponsored a young child, Eddy, in Nairobi. As a parish, we can be proud of the school children's commitment to service as they live out our faith in the spirit of our patron saint, St. Vincent.

With our mission of faith, knowledge, and service at the heart of all we do, our school community attends to both the educational and spiritual needs of our students. The success of our school has been possible due to your participation in school events and your continued financial support.

As we reflect on our 50 years and our blessings, we are making a special 50th Anniversary Endowment *Give Five* Appeal. Please plan to attend the 50th Anniversary Endowment Dinner on October 25. *Give Five for the 50th! Give \$50, \$500, \$5000, \$50,000....* Help us reach our goal of \$1,000,000 so we can begin utilizing funds for parish families who wish to have their children attend our school. We believe that every parish family that desires a first class Catholic education for their children should be provided the opportunity to attend our parish school, regardless of financial need.

Please consider showing your support of Catholic education and our parish school by donating to the St. Vincent de Paul School Endowment during our special 50th Anniversary Endowment *Give Five* Appeal. We are over halfway to our goal! If just 900 supporters pledge or donate \$500, we will reach our Endowment goal!

It's so easy to make a donation or pledge. Simply complete and return the attached envelope or make a donation online through our website at www.stvs.org. Donations may also be mailed to the parish or school office. All gifts are appreciated and really do make a difference in the lives of our families.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish School is your investment. Together, we can keep the investment strong for another 50 years as we form children who will be faith-filled Catholics and the future leaders of our Church and community. We are grateful for your support!

St. Vincent, pray for us,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wanda Stewart".

Wanda Stewart, Principal