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**SAINT JOSEPH**  
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Dear Patrons of St. Joseph,

First and foremost, let me extend my gratitude to your family for its support of our school. As a beneficiary of a Catholic education at Saint Joseph School, I am eternally grateful for the patronage of families like yours. It is only through your sacrifice that we are able to ensure an affordable Catholic education for families in our community.

"Train the young in the way they  
should go; even when old, they will  
not swerve from it."

~ Proverbs 22:6



As stewards of our community's investments we continue working diligently to build the endowment that subsidizes our school. We are blessed in this regard; however, there is still much to do to safeguard our future and to meet the short term needs for our community.

Each year, during the Christmas season, the reality of the sacrifice and cost to our families to provide a Catholic education hits home as they struggle to meet the commitments of monthly tuition payments, and fulfill their desire to provide a Christmas morning filled with joy and the reassurance of a better year to come. The new year dawns for our families amidst reconciliation of their accounts, deadlines for registration for the next school year, and budgeting for tuition for their children for the next year. It can be a stressful time for our families. Often, this is understandably when they start to consider other free options for their children in the public



education system. It can be a disheartening time of year for our staff, because they know not all our families will be able to return in the coming year as they fold under the cost of a private, Catholic education during less than inspiring economic times.



Now, more than ever, we rely on the generosity of benefactors to keep our community's promise of an affordable, quality Catholic education. We ask that you consider supporting our school's tuition appeal once again. All our families make a financial sacrifice to provide a Catholic education for their children, but with your support we can ensure that sacrifice is one all our families can bear. We can ensure our children continue to be taught in a Catholic school where the values our society so desperately needs to shape a better future are forged, not forgotten.



Please renew your investment in the future of our children and our Church. Please join our Catholic community once again in educating the youngest members of the Body of Christ. Together with these future priests and parents, let us fight to bring light to the darkness of our times.

Serviam,

Bill Koppes, Principal

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*Forging the Future for Another 70 Years and Beyond*