



ST. LAURENCE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ANNUAL FUND

September 15, 2020

Dear Friend of St. Laurence,

We find ourselves at the beginning of a very unique school year. Although it may have seemed at times that the odds were against us opening in August, we prayed, put our heads together, consulted medical experts and eventually surrendered to God's will. As a Catholic School, our mission has not changed, and we are dedicated to serving our students by developing future servant leaders.

The theme for this school year is ***Transformation*** and we are definitely all being transformed into the best version of ourselves as we face and conquer the obstacles provided by the COVID-19 pandemic. Last spring was incredibly difficult as we were all forced into "crisis learning". We did our best and made it work, but as we looked ahead and planned for the fall, we were determined to do even better and provide only the best experience to our Saints families. The amazing SLCS staff has worked tirelessly to come up with a creative and safe plan that allows our students to continue the academic rigor, enrichment and faith development that is expected of us.

Due to the uncertainty of enrollment and fueled by the financial strains placed on our community, we decided to put several projects on hold. The cost of safety equipment, technology and providing extra staff for distancing students safely is important and has added to our financial need this year. The Annual Fund allows us to continue providing what our students need to succeed and ensures we have the necessary resources, staff and facilities to maintain the excellent education we have always provided.

Our Annual Fund goal this year is \$210,000 and 100% participation from our families. You have always supported us in the past and we cannot thank you enough for your generosity. We ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to the Annual Fund, knowing that you will make a significant impact on all of our students. If you are not able to contribute monetarily this year, we would be grateful for your prayers, referrals, or gift of time as a volunteer. Thank you for allowing us to continue the great work that we do each day. We pray that there will be an end to the pandemic very soon and that we will all be transformed, renewed and stronger than ever.

God bless,

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Principal

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