

2016 Annual Fund Appeal

Fr. Randy Knauf - Pastor
Mrs. Shirley Heise - Principal

Dear Friends of Nativity Catholic School,

As I began to write this letter regarding the Annual Fund for Nativity Catholic School, I spent some time reflecting on those whose visions and dedication to Catholic education brought them to Rhinelander. In 1900, Sister Rose and 3 fellow Franciscan Sisters founded St. Mary School, in the City of Rhinelander. It was their wish that Catholic education, in the community of Rhinelander, be accessible for students then, as well as, future generations. **The good news is that it has!** The Franciscan Sisters, who were later joined by the Holy Cross Sisters, established a strong foundation for a quality school that would educate students in both faith and academics. As a result of their insight, last school year marked 115 years of Catholic education in our community! This demonstrates the value our families, parishioners, and community place on faith-based, educational excellence. We are proud to mark this milestone and look forward to the future.

Through the years, Nativity Catholic School has heard God's call and risen to the challenges it has faced. Like many Catholic schools, Nativity's biggest challenge is to close the gap between the income received from tuition and the actual cost of providing education. Your continued support for the Annual Fund is critical to the school's financial future.

I ask you to donate to the 2016 Annual Fund Appeal. Unrestricted income from the Annual Fund supports all areas of our school, including religious activities, curriculum enhancements, the arts, salaries and campus maintenance and improvements. Your generous contribution will have an immediate impact on the experiences that our students receive. **Your gift, no matter the amount, helps secure our future.**

Our Annual Fund goal is to raise \$100,000. The campaign runs until February 28th, 2017. Please fulfill pledges before that time. All gifts to the Annual Fund are tax deductible. For 2016 tax purposes, full payments must be received before December 31, 2016.

I am certain that Sister Rose is proud that her mission has endured. Together, we can meet the financial goals we've established to push that mission even farther. **We NEED YOUR HELP** to accomplish more milestones in this school's amazing journey. Are you up for the challenge? I hope and pray that your answer is YES!

With gratitude,



Mrs. Shirley Heise, Principal



OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$100,000.

Please give generously. A donation form and return envelope are enclosed for your convenience. Your contribution will immediately help our school and students. In addition to your financial support, we ask that you continue to pray for our students, faculty and staff.

If you discover that you have a family member or friend who does not receive this letter, we ask that you contact our school office at 715-362-5588, or email jmcguire@nativity.me, to assist with keeping our alumni address list current.

We hope you find it in your hearts to help us with this urgent appeal!