

PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY: ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND



WORKING TOGETHER TO UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL OF OUR CHILDREN AND OUR SCHOOL

The St. Peter's Catholic School Annual Fund is designed to generate unrestricted funds to better the school academically, financially, and spiritually. Yet it is also a means of connecting as many people to our school as possible. It is an ongoing process which, each year, builds upon the accomplishments of the previous year. As the Annual Fund becomes more successful, so does our school, allowing us to strengthen St. Peter's for our children as well as future generations.

Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone has a strong commitment to the schools in our diocese. In his recent article, "Bishop Offers Thanks and Prayer for Catholic Education," (*Miscellany*, August/September 2009), he writes about the importance of supporting Catholic schools, especially in difficult times:

"Our schools have also contributed much to our society not only in providing quality education, but doing so on our own without any government assistance, financial or otherwise...As we begin this new school year, we forge ahead aware of the many difficulties people face in this time of economic crisis. These difficulties will produce an impact on our schools; in some cases families are making great sacrifices to afford the tuitions; some schools are seeing a slight drop in enrollment and everyone has to attend to the need for very careful and frugal stewardship of resources. Many parishes are offering assistance to the extent that they can: parishes too are facing some economic struggles. I believe that we all see the value of our schools and the necessity to assist them in these difficult times.

Let us all, first of all, pray of the continued success of these schools and, secondly, try to offer whatever support we can to allow this “treasure we possess” to positively affect the lives of thousands of children.”

We want to emphasize what the real goal is: **PARTICIPATION!** Participation, either through a tax-deductible financial contribution and/or gift of prayer, is the key to our success. Each year our annual fund has met its financial goal, but not its participation goal; **and the only way we can qualify for foundation grants that could match the funds we raise is if we get 80% participation from our families.** So how do we track the participation?

The Annual Fund Envelope

How much can a single envelope be worth? In truth, it could be worth thousands of dollars in grants, and the promise that St. Peter’s will continue its 158 year commitment to the principled and faith-based education of our children and those to come. Thank you for your prayerful consideration, and for all you do for the school and the students.

Sincerely,

Noelle Rice
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Proud Mother of Judy Rice, K5 student