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Dear Friends of St. John,

Our school mission states that we are rich in Catholic tradition, foster an environment of academic excellence and develop within all students a clear sense of self-identity, self-worth and self-confidence. We enable our students to be creative builders of their futures to share the gifts and values they have been given with the world in which they live.

In order to meet our mission and provide services to our community, we rely on the generous support of individuals and businesses. Without the assistance of community-minded individuals like you, we wouldn't be able to help those who need assistance to attend our school.

As I began to write this letter for the Annual Appeal for St. John Catholic School I reflected on my time here and one word came to mind...Faith. St. John Catholic School's role in our community is to share the Catholic faith with those who enter our doors and to help strengthen that faith in their hearts and share it with their families. We also empower our students to have faith in what they are doing. We teach them to believe in themselves and pursue their God given talents to be all that they can be.

We all face challenges in our lives every day and our experience here at the school is no different. We are mindful of costs and we work very hard to be fiscally responsible. Each year we have families fall short and they need our financial assistance to help support their tuition.

This is where you can help. Please consider giving a donation to the school to help with tuition assistance. Your donation also helps to supplement the donation gap in the budget, which is crucial to the success of the school.

Our goal for this appeal is \$55,000. The Annual Appeal drive helps with financial assistance and is used to help families make a Catholic education a reality. Investing in a Catholic education is a wise investment. You will see your investment in our children for years to come, as they truly are the future of our church and community.

At the start of the school year, the staff and I prayed that God would help us throughout the year. We have been blessed many times. We call these moments "God Winks". Just as our parents winked at us to show us a sign of their love and support, we feel that God has done that for us too. We have had many "God Winks" over the school year. We believe that this Appeal could be our biggest "God Wink" yet.

I have witnessed firsthand the generosity of our community members and their willingness to help our school because they understand the importance of continuing to provide a faith and value based education to the children. We know that you also value Catholic education. If you attended St. John or knew someone who did, I am challenging you to give in honor of the wonderful education that was received and the fond memories that were created while attending St. John Catholic School.

Challenges push us to better ourselves. Challenges ask us to reach for the stars and hopefully achieve our dreams. I have some big dreams for St. John Catholic School and they begin with your help. I ask you to look into your hearts and accept the challenge to give to the Annual Appeal.

You may ask, how important is the Annual Appeal to St. John Catholic School? The experience of learning at St. John is a rewarding one. While St. John Catholic School carefully stewards its resources, the cost of this experience cannot be sustained by tuition alone. Your support for the Annual Appeal plays a critical role in meeting the annual financial needs of the school and its programs. Every gift counts! You could double your impact by checking to see whether your employer will match your gift. Your company's personnel office would know about matching gift programs.

TOGETHER we can reach our goals. By giving to our Annual Appeal, in whatever amount you can afford, you can share directly in the mission of our school and keep quality Catholic education accessible to families.

St. John Catholic School is a faith-based community comprised of students, families, staff and parishioners. We cultivate independent thinking and foster intellectual curiosity and develop social awareness both locally and globally. We strive to instill a love of God and inspire a commitment to lifelong learning. So please consider sending a donation to help continue this tradition.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank-you in advance for your generosity! May God bless you with many "God Winks".

Sincerely,

Valerie Wheeler