



January 30, 2010

Dear Friend of St. Joseph School,

Again this year, St. Joseph School is proud to join all Catholic schools in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Catholic schools play an important role in providing an education that emphasizes not only academics, but also spiritual, moral and social values.

This year, the theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Dividends for Life." I attended Catholic schools and can personally attest that "dividends for life," is not merely a slogan. Catholic schools offer many benefits to students and their families—faith, knowledge, morals and discipline—which last a lifetime.

I am thrilled to return to St. Joseph School as principal. I taught here for many years and all three of my children attended this school. We have an excellent school. Our students achieve high test scores, and have received many academic honors. More importantly, they are developing into adults with high moral values who understand their obligation to serve others.

Like a lot of you, when I attended Catholic schools, we were fortunate to have many religious sisters as teachers enabling the schools to operate with either no or relatively inexpensive tuition. Now we have excellent lay teachers who themselves sacrifice higher salaries to teach in our Catholic schools. Further, in these trying economic times, many of our school families are facing difficulties in paying their children's school tuition.

**We need your help!** We are implementing an "**Assist a Student**" program to help provide a Catholic education to the St. Joseph School families who need financial assistance. We would very much appreciate any contribution you could make to this effort. Thanks for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Cathy Stover  
Principal

**Yes! I want to contribute to the "Assist a Student" Program with the following donation:**

\_\_\_ \$4,000 (one year's tuition for one student)

\_\_\_ \$400 (one month's tuition for one student)

\_\_\_ \$100 (one week's tuition for one student)

\_\_\_ With the following amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: St. Joseph" Assist a Student Fund."**

**Mail your check in the attached envelope or drop it in the collection basket.**

**If you prefer to make your contribution via credit card, please contact the Parish Office at 341-6609.**