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Dear Friend of St. Mary School,

As a Catholic community, we believe it is truly a privilege to be a part of each child’s learning experience. Our 2016-2017 school year is now underway with a fantastic group of teachers engaging with our students who are eager to learn. Educating students in the Catholic tradition for 146 years, we challenge them to fulfill their individual potential and be active learners, people of faith and responsible citizens.

As they do every year, the 8th grade class chose this year’s theme, “Lead With Your Heart,” in support of Pope Francis’ Year of Mercy. Spiritually, our students have embraced this motto demonstrated through their many acts of service and faith formation. Academically, St. Mary School students continue to perform well above national averages. We are pleased to share that all our students in the class of 2016 were accepted into their first choice of high schools, many with all honors courses. These outstanding accomplishments and wonderful activities would not be possible without the numerous donations of time, treasure and talent from our community.

For the past 146 years, St. Mary School has been committed to providing a quality Catholic education in a faith-filled environment for families in South County. We are blessed to be able to provide our students with an unparalleled Catholic education and continue to offer a challenging curriculum, fine arts, PE, sports, music, band, speech and debate, and chess as well as service and personal growth opportunities.

As we embark on this year’s Annual Appeal, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to you for your generous gifts last year. Your contributions enabled us to purchase educational software programs, science lab and classroom materials, make facility repairs, as well as provide tuition assistance.

We once again invite you to prayerfully consider giving to our Annual Appeal drive. Our tuition dollars have never covered the complete cost of our students’ Catholic educations, but with your help, we can further ensure St. Mary School meets the needs of all of our students now and in the future. Your gift—in any amount—will allow us to continue our education mission.

We thank you for your continued support of St. Mary School and our mission to educate the next generation of community leaders.

Blessings,

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