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Dear Alumni, Friends, and Parents!

At St. Mary Interparochial School, our goal is to ensure and enhance the high quality of education you have come to expect **today, tomorrow, and together.**

Each and every day we educate the whole child, preparing hearts, minds, and spirits for inspirational lives in our community. Our reward is the success of our students. We are proud to announce that half of the students in our graduating class of 2009 earned scholarships, and for the third consecutive year, a St. Mary's student won the most prestigious scholarship of all: Ignatian Scholar from St. Joseph's Preparatory School.

To ensure this success for generations to come, we're embarking on an ambitious strategic planning process with the support of the Churchill Institute for Leadership and Development. With your help, we will achieve our goals.

TODAY, the annual cost to educate a St. Mary's student is \$3,802; our current tuition, however, is just \$3,500. To maintain our high standard of excellence, we need your help in closing this gap.

TOMORROW holds our dreams for the future, our vision for excellence that will benefit all St. Mary's students. Listed below, we share some of our dreams:

Foreign Language for All Grades	Summer Enrichment Program
Pre-Kindergarten Program	Continuing Education for Faculty
More Space for Kindergarten	Renovation of Assembly Room/Gymnasium
Designated Art Room	Energy-efficient Heating and Air Conditioning
Designated Technology Room	New Windows

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

How can you help?

- Donate online at www.saintmarys.us or use the enclosed envelope.
- Double your impact by checking to see whether your employer will match your gift. Your company's personnel office will know about matching gifts.
- Spread the word about our Annual Appeal to others who, like you, believe in excellent and affordable Catholic education for children of all religious, economic, and ethnic backgrounds.
- Contact me if you have any questions or if you'd like to help in other ways.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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St. Mary Interparochial School opens her doors to families of all ethnic, economic and religious backgrounds. Our mission is to provide a superior Catholic education to our diverse population of students, while keeping tuition stable for our city's working families. Our Center City location within Independence Historical Park provides a unique setting for children from Philadelphia neighborhoods and the suburbs of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.