

# St. Cletus School

## ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Keeping Catholic school as affordable and accessible as possible for all families.

Dear St. Cletus Catholic School Supporter:

Since 1953 St. Cletus School has been providing Catholic formation in an environment of academic excellence. To keep this spiritual and academic tradition alive, St. Cletus sponsors an Annual Fund. Tuition alone pays only 75% of our budget. Parish investments and fundraising (including this Annual Fund) provide the additional 25%. We must make up this gap to provide a first rate learning environment for our students.

In order to help with our budgeting process, the annual fund drive will now kick off in September and we request your pledge commitment be made by December 31st. All donations and pledge payments received by June 30, 2012 will be counted in the year's annual fund totals.

Last year we raised \$42,000 with 184 donors. Of our donors, 7% were St. Cletus Alumni, 3% were St. Cletus Grandparents, and 42% were St. Cletus's Parishioners. 45% of the St. Cletus School Families participated in last year's annual fund. Every gift is significant in raising our percentages to secure more grants from foundations and corporations.

We ask that each family consider a new or increased gift that reflects the educational and spiritual value their child, grandchild, or themselves have received from St. Cletus School or any other Catholic School. We invite you to be a stakeholder of Catholic School education.

For information on donation opportunities, please see the reply envelope included with this letter. This envelope can be mailed back to the school or returned in a collection basket at Mass.

May the Holy Spirit guide you in your gift and bless you in keeping Catholic School education as affordable and accessible as possible for all families.



Fr. Bob Clark  
Pastor, St. Cletus Parish



Jeff Taylor  
Principal, St. Cletus School



Elizabeth Goellner & Chris McLean, Annual Fund Chairs



The Annual Fund bridges the gap between the average cost to educate a child and the average tuition.



The US Conference of Catholic Bishops is clear on the responsibility of the Catholic community to educate all its youth in *Renewing Our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Third Millennium*:

"...Catholic schools afford the fullest and best opportunity to realize the fourfold purpose of Christian education, namely to provide an atmosphere in which the Gospel message is proclaimed, community in Christ is experienced, service to our sisters and brothers is the norm, and thanksgiving and worship of our God is cultivated."

No matter the size,  
EVERY GIFT  
IS APPRECIATED.

EVERY GIFT  
MATTERS.

EVERY GIFT  
HELPS A CHILD.