



October 12, 2011

Dear St. Charles School Alumni, Parents and Friends:

This year marks my third year as Principal of St. Charles School. As I reflect upon the past two years I continue to be so impressed with the strong sense of community, a community with shared values and purpose. This Parish has shown tremendous support for its school ministry and we continue to be thankful for such. This support has come from current families, alumni and non-school families alike. This level of support is indeed rare and says volumes about this community. Your actions demonstrate the value you place in Catholic Education. St. Charles School is a vital component of our Parish. In a very real sense it represents the present and the future as well. Our theme for the 2011-2012 school year is **"We Choose Christ"**. If you are familiar with our school I am sure you will agree that this theme is actualized in the day-to-day lives of our students in very meaningful ways.

While we have known many successes in the recent past, the financial challenges facing us continue to be formidable. We recognize that the face of Catholic education will change in future years with a focus on regionalization. Our goal is to maintain a position of strength as these changes occur. We need your assistance as we continue to meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century learner. Recently we made significant improvements in technology with the construction of an Instructional Media Center (IMC) and the initiation of the World Languages Program. While we have a responsibility to our students that they receive programs and services comparable to the public sector, I believe we should and can exceed them. This surely is a challenge, but our children are worth it. In a time when other schools are consolidating or reducing services, we are doing quite the opposite. St. Charles continues to expand services and opportunities available to our young people and their families. With your help we can continue our mission and keep Catholic Education an affordable option for all those who desire it.

It is with the above in mind that we begin the **2011 Annual School Development Fund Campaign**. Your tax-deductible charitable contribution will be applied directly to the school's operating budget. Our campaign goal is \$45,000. Last year's fund helped immensely with improved services and a significant enrollment increase. Your generous gift will help ensure a solid financial foundation today and tomorrow. Thank you for all you have done in the past and for all you will do in the future. We continue to be grateful as we strive for continuous improvement. Your donation with a gift in any amount will help us reach our goal.

*St. Charles School...Rich in Tradition and Excellence,  
Moving forward with a Bold Vision!*

Gratefully Yours in Christ,

Michael Halstead, Principal

Enclosures

**SCHOOL FAMILIES: Contributions may be billed to your TADS account. Write this request on the payment envelope and your contribution will be divided equally over any remaining tuition payment due dates this school year.**