



THE CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF STAMFORD

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Dear Friends of the Catholic Academy of Stamford,

We write to you today to wish you a very Happy New Year of 2024! Here at The Catholic Academy of Stamford (CAS) we are grateful to God, for His many blessings to us as the only Diocesan , Prek3-8th grade Catholic school in Stamford, CT.

It is with great joy and gratitude that we write to you, a valued member of the CAS family, seeking your support of our school's Annual Fund. The past year has been a testament to the resilience and strength of our school community. In the face of challenges that all schools in the Catholic education system face, we are blessed to witness our students flourishing academically, spiritually, and socially. The unwavering support from donors like you has played a crucial role in making this possible.

Our Annual Fund helps defray the costs of a Catholic education that tuition revenue alone does not cover, but it also allows us to meet the ever changing needs of our students and faculty. These critical funds support all areas of our special offering including:

- **Maintaining Educational Excellence:** Enhancing our academic programs, providing modern resources, and supporting professional development for our dedicated faculty.
- **Spiritual Formation:** Deepening the spiritual growth of our students through our K-8 service program.
- **Facilities and Infrastructure Development:** Maintaining, expanding and improving our school facilities to create a safe, nurturing, and conducive learning environment.

As we look forward to this coming school year, we are pleased to share that we have specifically designated funds to begin investing in our campus and the many upgrades it needs as outlined by our Board of Directors in our Strategic Plan. To address our growing enrollment, our facilities and finance committees are using funds raised to begin work in a few key areas including:

- Upgrades to our entire electrical system to ensure it is ready for future expansion
- Engaging an architect to outline options for facility development
- Roof repairs, window repairs and flashing replacements.

We are pleased to report that this critical work, while it's been long deferred, is the beginning of our Board's Strategic Plan coming to fruition. These initial steps may seem small, but they are building the foundation for making our future goals a reality.

As we look ahead, we are excited about the opportunities that the future holds as we have experienced an increase in enrollment and demand from those who seek a Catholic education. However, we cannot navigate this journey and meet their needs alone. Your continued support is essential in helping us achieve our goals and maintain the high standards of education that define CAS and all we strive to be.

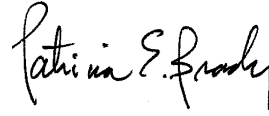
Please use the enclosed response envelope for your pledge or you can visit our school website at www.catholicacademystamford.org and look for the "Support CAS" menu on the home page. We appreciate all that you are already doing to support our school and are grateful for any contribution you are able to make. Please remember that no donation is too small an amount.

May God continue to bless all of us as we do His work of forming and educating our children in faith, knowledge and service.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Harold Spitzfaden in cursive script.

Harold Spitzfaden
Board Chairperson

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Patricia Brady
Head of School