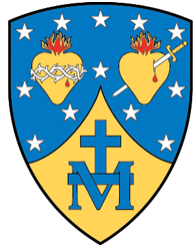


SAINT CATHERINE LABOURE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Teaching minds. Forming hearts. Growing disciples.



November 14, 2016

Dear Parents, Guardians, Alumni, and Friends:

2016-2017 ANNUAL FUND: MAKE A DIFFERENCE

May we, in imitation of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, possess a “heart to love and hands to serve” all those in need of our kindness and compassion! The recent canonization of Mother Teresa during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, has invited all of us to reflect more deeply on this “saint of mercy” and on how well our own daily actions mirror the generous and merciful love of Jesus.

Most of us are very familiar with Mother Teresa literally taking the “poorest of the poor” out of the gutter or lifting up an AIDS patient and carrying them and embracing them in her Home for the Dying. However, much of the world is not as aware of the priority Mother Teresa has placed on education as a vital part of her ministry to the poor.

As a teacher and principal herself for 20 years before founding the Missionaries of Charity, Mother knew the opportunity education brings and the benefit it can be in one’s life and the lives of others. She sent her first Sisters to schools and universities. Moreover, she earnestly strove to offer the possibility of an education to all those in need. Her first missionary endeavor was a slum school where the ground was a blackboard and a stick was her chalk. She also taught her Sisters to offer religious and moral instruction as they ministered wherever possible.

At Saint Teresa of Calcutta’s canonization, Pope Francis said that we all have our own “Calcutta” – a place where we can truly “make a difference” in the lives of others. Our Annual Fund is one such place that calls us to “make a difference” in the lives of the students at Saint Catherine Labouré School.

Our ANNUAL FUND goal this year is \$35,000. Your gift, combined with the gifts of others, empowers our students by giving them the foundation they need to reach their full potential. It helps us continue, strengthen, and advance our mission of *teaching minds, forming hearts, and growing disciples*.

Note that we have an online payment option available for your convenience. Just visit our school website at <http://sclhbg.org/school/advancement/annual-fund/>.

In conclusion, let us ponder these words of Mother Teresa: “In the ignorant children, Jesus will say ‘I was the one you taught.’ So keep on helping.” Please know that whatever gift to the ANNUAL FUND you can afford is greatly appreciated. We thank you too for your prayers. You will forever be in ours.

Yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Neil S. Sullivan, VF
Pastor

In Mary, Gratefully,

Sister Mary Anne Sweeney, IHM
Principal