

Dear Fellow St. Ann Parishioner,

As a graduate of the St. Ann Class of 1989, I am honored to introduce an exciting new program to the parish designed to support our students and families called 'Roots and Wings'. This is an extension and replacement of the former Grant-In-Aid program. In our current school year Grant-In-Aid is providing tuition assistance to y students.

Having graduated from St. Ann, Badin, and Miami University, I have a special attachment to our community and parish school. As a past Hamilton and Vicinity Junior Achievement Board Member, I had the opportunity to visit many local schools and meet the students and faculty, and that has confirmed my belief that St. Ann School is a special place that should be accessible to all who want to attend.

Students begin a lifelong spiritual journey while at St. Ann School. Activities include religious coursework, frequent interactions with Fr. Dennis, and weekly mass attendance. Moreover, teachers share a sense of ownership in the education they provide; the quality and accountability of which is demonstrated through the numerous achievements of the alumni. I firmly believe that the values and foundation I attained while at St. Ann allows me to make well-balanced decisions throughout my professional career. I have been fortunate enough to serve the parish in a number of capacities over the past few years. I have served as chair of both the Finance Committee and Pastoral Council, and during those terms the topic that was constantly on our radar as a guiding principle was to ensure the future and viability of the school.

'Roots and Wings' is designed to do just that. It is an exciting opportunity for parishioners to give, and to know exactly what their contributions are supporting. On the attached pledge card, you will note the different giving levels and what opportunity that will provide to a child. The giving levels are set to sponsor a child or children for an entire year, half year, quarter, or month. With the current tuition cost over \$2,100, all giving levels are appreciated, even those below those set levels. All contributions to the 'Roots and Wings' Program are tax-deductible.

As members of St. Ann, we have a responsibility to the children of our parish. I am asking you to make this pledge to the 'Roots and Wings Fund' in addition to your regular parish contribution. Your gift to this program will ensure another generation of scholars and future leaders will have the right foundation. St. Ann parishioners are generous people who are willing to make sacrifices in order to support the many good works of the Church around the world. Think of your contribution not simply as a sacrifice, but also as a spiritual gift for our own children.

Thanks for your pledge,



Brian Schuster
St. Ann Class of 1989