

December 2009

Dear Friend of St. Peter/St. Francis School,

Mrs. Gauger, our principal, and I just returned from the Thanksgiving prayer service at our school. I wish you could have been there! Our gym at St. Peter/St. Francis School was filled with students and parents. The Thanksgiving service was a multi-media presentation. The school choir provided the music. Children read and welcomed guests. Food and goods were collected for Friendly Hands Food Bank. There was a computer driven slide show of the second graders' answer to the question, "For what am I thankful?" Each student found a picture of something that represented their thankfulness to God, and then they drew a picture. The slide show consisted of their name and their thankful phrase followed by a photograph and then a drawing. I was moved and amazed.

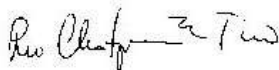
Our children are led each day by a creative team of educational professionals. They excel at reading, math, science, social studies and the arts. They are taught the skills that will be necessary for their high school years and beyond. In addition, to all that we teach our children about the God who created them, the Savior that redeemed them and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies them. They learn the Bible and they learn about the Church. They are encouraged to lead by example and be present in the weekly celebration of the Eucharist. They are truly given a well-rounded education.

If I was asked, "For what am I thankful?" I would draw a picture of each of you for your generosity to St. Peter/St. Francis School. I would draw a picture of Monsignor Botticelli and of Father Duggan. I would draw a picture of the Mercy Sisters who served and the Filippini Sisters who continue to serve us. I would draw a picture of all that makes St. Peter/St. Francis School so wonderful and beautiful. We continue the tradition of two wonderful schools in this beautiful gathering of children, staff, parents, volunteers, and benefactors.

Would you join me in helping keep this beautiful dream alive? Your gift of \$3,000 would educate a student for one year. \$1,000 would buy a computer for the computer lab. A gift of \$500 would help pay for library books for our little children. A gift of \$100 would be welcomed to offset the expense of supplies. Any gift of any amount will help our school grow and prosper. If you work for a company which participates in the Corporate Matching Gift Program, you can double your gift. You may check our website at [www.spsfschool.org](http://www.spsfschool.org) for more information.

I promise you we have continued the dream of Catholic education at St. Peter and St. Francis Parishes. Please join me in prayer for our school and if you can, join me in helping our school educate our children in faith and love.

Sincerely,



Rev. Christopher Tiano  
Pastor