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## Dear St. Paul School Alumni and Friends,

St. Paul School continues to be among the many diverse assets within the city of Salem, offering strong educational value to elementary school-age families in the community and surrounding areas. The school consistently turns out a majority of students who achieve honor roll status in their secondary education years. Maintaining St. Paul School as a pillar among local education institutions is truly in our best interests.

It is likely not a surprise that parochial schools nationwide continue to deliver superior academic results. The National Catholic Education Association maintains statistics supporting this fact. In the 2007 SAT National profiles, they report that religiously affiliated schools scored better than public schools by an average of 30 points (6% higher) in the fields of math, writing, and critical reading. This performance gap is essentially an annual occurrence as well.

Unfortunately, tuition costs can sometimes deter families from sending their children to parochial schools, despite the special value they represent. Nationally, per pupil tuition in elementary schools averages \$2,607, which is approximately 62% of the actual cost to educate each student, or \$4,268. The difference between the per-pupil cost and the tuition charged is obtained in number of ways, primarily through a direct subsidy from the parish, and from various development programs and fund-raising activities.

St. Paul, Salem, is not unlike many of the schools in these national averages. St. Paul students perform exceedingly well academically, yet the school is challenged by the financial reality that other parochial schools face. St. Paul continues to find ways to bridge the gap between tuition and total cost, but it is an ongoing challenge.

Fortunately, among the many bright spots at St. Paul, is the St. Paul School Foundation which was founded over 18 years ago to help assure the school remains viable for the long-term. The Foundation is supported through the generous donations of many St. Paul School loyalists, and provides financial support in a number of areas. It is the desire of The Foundation to always be there for the School, and that vision can become reality with the continued support of St. Paul alumni and friends.

Please consider a tax deductible contribution to the St. Paul School Foundation as part of your year-end charitable giving. It can be your way to help insure another generation of deserving students benefit from the excellent education that St. Paul offers.



The Saint Paul School Foundation

## Note from Father Thomas C. Eisweirth



On Friday, November 16, 2007 Father McCarthy and I, along with several members of St. Paul Parish, attended A Day of Living Catholic Stewardship in Cleveland, Ohio. Bishop Robert Morneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Green Bay, Wisconsin was the keynote speaker. He addressed over two hundred Catholics involved in some form of stewardship in their parishes.

In talking about the spirituality of stewardship, Bishop Morneau asked us this question, **“What have you done with the garden entrusted to you?”** (Machado) He asked us to think about what it takes to care for a garden and to apply that same principle to areas of our lives. How do you care for the garden of your family and friends? How do you care of your body? Do you exercise, eat and drink respectfully, take time for leisure and rest.

How do you care for:

	The garden of the globe?	The garden of decisions?
The garden of emotions?	The garden of our city?	The garden of technology?
The garden of history?	The garden of the mind?	The garden of the Arts?
The garden of money?	The garden of the soul?	

The National Catholic Conference of Bishops reminds us that stewardship is a way of life and it can change our destiny. Stewardship recognizes God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all that we have and are. We are only the caretakers of God’s gifts and we need to be grateful for all that we have received and eager to cultivate our gifts out of love for God and one another.

Bishop Morneau ended his talk with this quote from Michael Mayne’s Pray, Love, Remember: “His (Jesus) is a vision of a world in which people are more concerned with giving than with having, with sharing than with possessing, with serving than being served; where the narrow loyalties of class or race or tradition or party are less weight than the solidarity of the human race created in God’s likeness; and where in areas of conflict and violence forgiveness and reconciliation have been proved to be the most powerful of all weapons.”

## A Note from the Principal

Dear Saint Paul Alumni,

In 1904, Saint Paul Church established a Catholic school that has been serving the parish and community for over 100 years. The Sisters of the Humility of Mary provided teachers for the school for 99 of those 103 years.

The school originally taught parish students from first grade through eighth grade. In 1973 Saint Paul School dropped the seventh and eighth grade classes and offered half-day kindergarten instruction for the first time. Kindergarten classes were extended to full day sessions in 2000. Three sessions of preschool were added to the curriculum offerings in 2005. Presently, the school offers a Catholic curriculum for preschool through sixth grade.

It has been the mission of the school to educate the child in mind, body, and spirit. Students are provided daily religious instruction; attend weekly Mass planned by students and teachers; and are involved in a variety of service projects that help people both globally and locally. They also pray in the Catholic traditional ways of Advent ceremonies; Stations of the Cross; May Crownings; and praying the Rosary. Students and teachers begin the day with prayer and pray often during the day.

The school continues to strive for academic excellence. Under close scrutiny from the Diocese of Youngstown and the Ohio Catholic School Accreditation Association the school has received accreditation for the years 2007-2013. Students in the schools of the Diocese of Youngstown have consistently scored above the national average in Iowa Test of Basic Skills standardized tests. Saint Paul students have consistently scored above the average of the schools in the Youngstown diocese.

The faculty constantly strives to provide the students with the best education to prepare them for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Fine arts teachers teach the children art, music, physical education, library and computer. The members of the Home and School Association aggressively raise funds every year to provide funding for these teachers.

The Saint Paul School Foundation also provides financial support to the school. They have purchased computers for the computer lab, the sound system in the gym, the security monitor and doorbell for the main door of the school, financial aid for families, and donations for major repairs to the building.



On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students I would like to express my deep appreciation for the spiritual, emotional, and financial support the parishioners and alumni give to the school. It is our vision to see the school providing quality Catholic education for families in northern Columbiana County for many years to come.

The enrollment this year is up from 112 last September to 122 this September. Our Preschool is beginning its third year and the enrollment has increased from 18 to 33. Your continued contributions to the Foundation have helped over 10% of the students receive scholarship funds to make their tuition affordable. Over 13% of the students are eligible for free and reduced lunches. Scholarships are helping to provide the Catholic education those families want for their children. I don't want to turn anyone away because they feel the tuition is not affordable.

Thank you for the spiritual, emotional, and financial support you give to the school.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Patricia Bauman*

Patricia Bauman, Principal



## Alumnus Reflects on Saint Paul School Experience

By James Mauro, St. Paul Class of 1961

It can be difficult to hone in on the true feelings you have about your youth and the individuals and institutions that have impacted your life. We are sometimes given to exaggerate the good, down play the bad and fill in the blanks of our memory with those recollections that please us. As I sat down to write this article for the newsletter, I found myself questioning my increasingly faulty memory and how it might be coloring my view of the days I spent at Saint Paul Church and School.

My sister, Mary Caye Bixler, and her family live in Salem and so I get opportunities to visit from my home in Columbus. But writing this article gives rise to the second time in less than a year that I have had occasion to take a close look at my grade school days. Last November the Saint Paul School Alumni Association honored me with the Alumnus of The Year Award. Coming back to the school; visiting with friends, schoolmates and a few teachers; and really focusing my thoughts on Salem and my experience as a student at St. Paul was terrific. It was also very enlightening.

Taking for granted the things you have is an all too common malady. Very often you simply do not see the value in your surroundings until you are removed from them in time and distance. As a youngster, the good is simply expected. In your teen, years you may even hold in contempt those things of value. As a young adult, you often are simply too

busy to focus on the past. As your life becomes a little more settled and you have the time to reflect, the real value of your life experiences begins to take shape.

It is interesting that I not only have memories of a general nature related to St. Paul such as attending Cub Scouts, taking piano lessons, long walks to and from school on Ohio Avenue and Franklin Street, but I also have very vivid recollections of specific events. I recall a conversation outside the eighth grade classroom with two of my classmates about going to a football game. I remember a specific play in one of the CYO basketball games when I scored two points (a very, very rare occurrence); only to come back the very next play and turn the ball over (a much more common event). I remember working (so to speak) after school with the janitor to help clean up the school. I remember taking a candy bar out of the downstairs cooler and not being able to sleep worried over the loss of my soul, the disappointment I would cause family and friends if they should ever find out and about the possibility that I might have to "rat" on my accomplices.

Most of you reading the newsletter probably have St. Paul memories of your own; at least I hope you do. I am sure they differ widely, but I would be willing to bet the candy bar I took from the cooler that they all have a common theme...the people we spent those days with. For me, they were and are

the best. I have had the extreme good fortune to remain very close to a good number of my St. Paul classmates. I do not think that is by accident. We grew up sharing common beliefs about much of life, beliefs that, over the test of time and distance, have proven to be of lasting value. Those beliefs are a common bond that simply cannot be discarded and serve keep us close.

The teachers and staff at St. Paul worked to instill the values of loyalty, kindness and charity and to lead us to place value on a defined code for living our lives. They also worked to teach us how to be loyal, kind, generous and how to remain faithful to that code. In addition, although it was completely unknown to me at the time, my teachers somehow planted a seed that would later (much later) grow into my placing considerable value on education. If my life is any indication, many of us left St. Paul as a work in progress, but the basics were there.

We owe St. Paul a debt of gratitude for all that was given to us during our grade school years. We can repay that debt by supporting the school financially, by volunteer efforts and, perhaps most importantly, by living lives that reflect the values given to us. I started last November when I confessed my candy bar theft to Principal Bauman and made restitution. I'd like to think I can still do a little more.

## Aundrea Cika hired as St. Paul School Recruitment Coordinator



Front Row: (l to r) Rita O,Leary, Aundrea Cika,  
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A Recruitment Coordinator has been hired by St. Paul School in an effort to bolster enrollment in the coming year, with The St. Paul School Foundation underwriting the cost of the position. Aundrea Cika will serve in a consulting role as Recruitment Coordinator, responsible for researching, training and creating a marketing / public relations plan for St. Paul and, most importantly, increasing enrollment within the school starting next year.

Aundrea previously worked in the Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia area for a variety of organizations including Browning Communications and The Washington

Post. Since returning to the area Aundrea is involved with St. Patrick's School in Hubbard, the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Warren and also Ballet Western Reserve.

The St. Paul School Foundation is excited about having Aundrea partner with the St. Paul School family, and is pleased to be able to fully fund this Recruitment Coordinator position on a trial basis to measure its effectiveness. The St. Paul School Foundation's goal with this project is to continue to pursue the Foundation's mission in helping to provide for the long-term financial security of St. Paul School through increased enrollment.



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