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Dear Alumni, Former Students, and Friends of St. Paul School,

The floors gleamed. The windows sparkled. And the classrooms were spotless as teachers and staff welcomed 108 students and 32 pre-schoolers in late August for St. Paul School's 108th academic year. With its time-honored presence in the parish and Salem community and its proud record of achievement, it would be easy to take the school for granted. But we shouldn't!

Every year a group of devoted parents and parishioners, many from the St. Paul Home and School Association, volunteer to help the school. They assist with day-to-day operations and work to raise funds. These supporters contribute approximately 3,000 hours of volunteer time and add between \$40,000 to \$50,000 annually to school coffers through bingo, raffles, benefit dinners, the Race for Education, and other fundraisers. Their belief in the value of a St. Paul School education is unmistakable.

Recently, however, revenue from tuition (\$2,100 annually), parish support, and volunteer fund raising has not been enough to cover all school expenses. In the last two years, for the first times since the St. Paul School Foundation was established formally in 1991, the parish turned to

us for help with a substantial portion of the school budget. During the 2010-11 school year, we contributed \$80,000 to help meet school operating costs. The foundation also provided additional funds for improved teaching methods, tuition assistance, and capital purchases. (See page 2.)

The St. Paul School Foundation is firmly committed to keeping St. Paul School financially sound. To help us, we ask you, the friends and former students of St. Paul, to recall the role that the school played in your or a loved one's early education, personal growth, and spiritual formation. And if you believe in the value of that early life experience, please consider making a generous gift to the foundation or include it in your estate planning. This will help make it possible to continue providing the children of St. Paul Parish and the Salem area with a top-notch, Catholic school elementary education.

With sincere appreciation,

The St. Paul School Foundation

A Note from the Pastor...

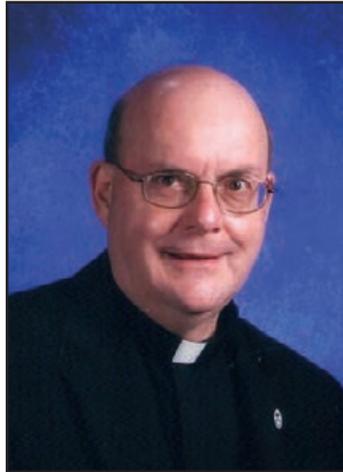
by Fr. Robert Edwards

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:16

This is my first opportunity as the pastor of St. Paul Parish to address the 1,700 living alumni of St. Paul School. It has been gratifying to learn that many of you support the school through your generous donations to the school itself and to the St. Paul School Foundation. Please accept my sincere appreciation for helping the parish educate our children in the Catholic faith, something that St. Paul School has been doing since 1904. God bless you!

Now is a good time to reflect on a few reasons why St. Paul School should remain important to its alumni – even those whose time at St. Paul’s was long ago or who live far away.

The primary characteristic of a Catholic school is its Christ-centered



Fr. Edwards

approach to educating the mind, body, and spirit. Jesus Christ inspires our Catholic schools to give students the moral and spiritual foundations that are not found in most educational environments.

Catholic schools educate the whole person. They strive to make disciples of Jesus. Besides emphasizing

academics, Catholic schools also teach manners and respect. I am reminded of this every time I visit the school and observe our well-behaved and attentive students. They are a joy!

The school enhances the vitality of our parish and community by uniting people in a common purpose – guiding today’s children and their families in their relationship with Christ. Many parishioners and parents of students volunteer to help our school with daily operations, maintenance and fund raising.

I hope each of you, as former students, takes pride in the school that formed and taught you at an early age. St. Paul School is part of your heritage. I am always eager to hear how St. Paul School had an impact on your life. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Father Edwards has been pastor of St. Paul since fall 2010.

Foundation Support for St. Paul School

For the 2010-11 academic year, the St. Paul School Foundation contributed over \$109,000 to St. Paul School. More than a quarter of these funds, about \$29,000, directly supported students, school improvements, and educational activities. These monies provided for new computer equipment and software upgrades to enhance student curriculum and to promote innovative teaching and learning methods such as those that use wireless smart board technology; capital purchases including, a new



Attentive 2nd graders



Everyone loves recess

phone system and a new school website; tuition assistance; and dues and fees to organizations such as the Ohio Catholic Schools Association and other educational institutions.

The remaining \$80,000, a substantial percentage of the school budget, primarily covered operating costs – salaries, staff benefits, building maintenance, utilities, and the like – to cover a gap between tuition, parish financial support, and volunteer fund raising. This was an extra-ordinary use of foundation resources. Only in the past two years has the foundation been asked to provide this type and level of financial assistance.

The foundation is proud to support St. Paul School with resources to improve the skills and abilities of teachers and students to ensure that it continues to provide excellent educational opportunities for all area children.



Eyes on the music teacher

A Note from the Principal...

by Patricia Bauman



Mrs. Bauman helping pre-schoolers

Beginning in September 2011, St. Paul School embarked on a six-year process of re-accreditation with the Ohio Catholic School Accreditation Association (OCSAA). As we begin this journey, the faculty and staff are focused on continuously improving student skills needed for the 21st century.

According to the 21st Century Workforce Commission National Alliance of Business, "The current and future health of America's 21st Century Economy depends on how broadly and

deeply Americans reach a new level of literacy—21st Century Literacy—that includes strong academic skills, thinking, reasoning, teamwork skills and proficiency in using technology." The educational community has been heeding these messages and is adapting curricula to address them. Twenty-first century skills and qualities such as critical thinking and problem solving, collaboration and leadership, agility and adaptability, initiative and entrepreneurship, effective oral and written communication, and assessing and analyzing information are now integral to the classroom.



St. Paul's computer center

OCSAA and the public school sector have offered guidelines to schools for reaching higher operating standards of student learning in these areas. In keeping with our Catholic faith, OCSAA added guidelines for stewardship and discipleship. Meeting these guidelines is essential for re-accreditation.

St. Paul School is fortunate to have a staff with teaching experience that spans from two to 35 years. The seasoned staff has a wealth of knowledge and wisdom. The younger teachers are tech-savvy and eager. All understand how important it is to be a life-long learner and to be able to adapt to the demand for new skills. They look forward to continuously improving the educational standards at St. Paul that will commit students to learning skills for the 21st century.

Patricia Bauman is in her 38th year as a Catholic school educator and her sixth year as principal of St. Paul.

Scholarships Awarded



Miss Schlueter

In May, the foundation awarded its annual St. Paul alumni scholarships to five 2011 high school graduates. This year's recipients received a combined total of \$5,400 in tuition assistance for their first year of college. The first place winner, Ellen Schlueter from West Branch High School, is attending Franciscan University. Runners-up, all from Salem High, and the schools they attend are Andrew Bostwick and Ryan Cappuzzello, Kent State University; Stephen Navarra, University of Akron; and Alexandra Shivers, Youngstown State University. Awards are based on academic achievement and church and community involvement.

Teachers Honored Mailing List Update

The Diocese of Youngstown recently recognized two long-time St. Paul School educators. Miss Marjorie Shivers, third grade teacher, and Mrs. JoAnn Barto, sixth grade teacher, were honored for 35 and 30 years of service, respectively, in Catholic school education. Miss Shivers has taught at St. Paul since 1984; Mrs. Barto since 1980. Congratulations to both of these highly dedicated women!



Mrs. Barto teaching geography to 6th grade students

During the next two years, volunteers from St. Paul graduating classes will be helping the foundation update its mailing list of over 1,700 living alumni, former students, and friends. If you will be moving, you can help this effort by contacting the foundation (see page 1) to provide your change of address. You may also use the contact information form on the St. Paul School website. Go to <http://www.stpaul.k12.oh.us/ctf.html>. Then click "Contact Information Form" in the center of the page and complete the form.

Alumni Reflections...

by Judi Ross, St. Paul School Class of 1963

Looking back on my time at St. Paul, I remember all the good things about attending the school – the nuns, daily Mass, my friends, navy blue uniforms, (OK, so not everything was good!) – but I couldn't realize back then how much a Catholic school education would shape my future career.

We were in awe of the nuns. They commanded respect and got it, because they respected their students. Along with educating us academically, they instilled spiritual and moral values that are with me today. Religion was the main component of our education.

Catholicism wasn't just a religion; it was a way of life. I loved learning about the saints, (because I

knew I would never be one). I still remember the overpowering smell of incense at Forty Hours and other special ceremonies.

How many of us learned in a class of almost fifty students, I'll never know. But we did. And we did it well. We knew what was expected of us and we rose to the occasion. I remember the high school teachers saying they could tell who graduated from St. Paul because we were all so polite and respectful. I'm certain St. Paul School is still molding future leaders.

When I graduated from Kent State University with a degree in education, it never occurred to me to teach anywhere but a Catholic school. Armed with knowledge and a foundation laid at St. Paul, I began my teaching career in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. I thank St. Paul School and the nuns for helping me become the teacher I am.

Judi is currently teaching children with special needs in Atlanta.



Sr. Jeanne Ann and her 4th grade students circa 1958



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