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St. Agnes School Foundation

May 2021 Newsletter



"Be a Light" First Anniversary

One year ago, St. Agnes School's future was uncertain. We were facing a recommendation of closure due to low enrollment and the inability to hold fundraisers due to the pandemic. The school was told that in order to stay open, we must raise \$100,000 within 10 days to cover any future deficit and to build savings. A task force jumped into action, created a Go Fund Me Campaign, "Be a Light", and in less than 3 days, we exceeded our goal.

In truth, as Father Michael says, the money wasn't the miracle; it was the **people**.

Over 300 donors came together to raise the funds needed to keep our "little school on the circle" open and able to serve the children of Livingston County and beyond for years to come. Made up of alumni, former parents, retired teachers, current parents, teachers, community members, and students, our group of supporters believed in our school and allowed us to head into the 2020 - 2021 school year stronger than ever.



See, God had a plan for our little school. When the pandemic hit, we had 80 students enrolled and we were projecting 87 for the following year. The uncertainty of COVID-19 and its impact on schools made us unsure what to expect for the upcoming school year. As we prepared for opening five full days a week, registration began growing. By August 2020, our enrollment had increased by 24%. The entire faculty and staff was thrilled to find that we were able to offer a safe, faith-based learning environment for families seeking something different for their children. In fact, we are on track for enrollment to increase by another 14% for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Without the generosity of you, our donors, alumni, and supporters, none of this would be possible. Our blessings have been abundant this year and we thank God every day for the ability to continue to teach our children in a loving, safe and nurturing environment.

We thank you all, from the bottom of our hearts, for your continued faith in St. Agnes School, and for your generosity during these uncertain times.

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