

Saint Theresa Catholic School

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Dear Friends of Saint Theresa Catholic School,

I'm excited to invite you to be part of "*Building Today for Their Tomorrows*," which will allow us to complete the campus improvements begun with our successful 1996 capital campaign, "*Vision 2000: Building our Future*." Parishioners pledged and contributed generously to *Vision 2000*, enabling us to renovate the school classrooms, provide the school with new electrical service, provide air conditioning to the classrooms, completely renovate Father Feeney Hall, create the Our Lady of Guadalupe Courtyard, provide new commercial kitchens for the Msgr. McMahan Center and Fr. Feeney Hall and build a new baptistery for our church. These and other fully-funded campus improvements were phased-in over a period of approximately ten years. We were also able to set aside some \$1.5 million for the final phase of *Vision 2000* – an Early Childhood building to replace our existing preschool building (currently the oldest structure on our campus).

Since the time of the *Vision 2000* campaign, construction costs have fluctuated (building costs have recently lowered, but are still higher today than they were in the nineties) and we have, with the input of faculty, staff and parent groups, concluded that – if we are to capitalize on this construction opportunity – we should include significant improvements to benefit all of our students, not just our youngest ones. And so, confident that our school community and friends will respond to an appeal to "grow" the \$1.5M that we have set aside for this project, we turn to you now... to assist in *Building Today for Their Tomorrows*, all for the glory of God and the good of our children (as well as our children's children). Our goal is to raise an additional "matching amount" of \$1.5 million so that we can break ground in May 2011.

The Campus Expansion and Early Childhood Center Project will not only provide Pre-school, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classrooms... but also will create a Science Lab, Music Room and relocated Spanish Room within the school quad and an Art Studio, Extended Care space, Tutor Rooms for enrichment programs, needed offices and a school conference room in the new building.

Check out the renderings, plans and "FAQs" in the enclosed materials – and give prayerful consideration to how you will be able to participate in *Building Today for Their Tomorrows* by completing a pledge form. Your pledge continues the work and builds on the ongoing sacrifices begun by members of our community in 1955 as they set about creating Saint Theresa Catholic School.

May God continue to bless and guide our efforts together!

With gratitude and prayers,



Rev. Charles G. Kieffer, V.F.
Pastor