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Dear St. Vincent de Paul Parish Parishioners.

As our Catholic Education Week celebrations come to a close, this is a great time of year to reflect on the many blessings that our children receive as members of St. Vincent de Paul School and Parish. Since our St. Vincent de Paul School was established in 1964 by the Sisters of Notre Dame, we have provided an exceptional faith-filled Catholic learning environment. With our mission of faith, knowledge, and service at the heart of all we do, our school community attends to both the educational and spiritual needs of our students. The success of our school has been possible due to your participation in school events and your continued financial support.

Our faculty is dedicated to passing along our Catholic faith and traditions and to fostering a joy for learning in our students. Both the students and staff at St. Vincent School are committed to service in our parish community and to the greater community of our world. Through our service projects this year, we collected almost 200 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes for children in other countries, over 200 pairs of hats and gloves to warm the children in the community, donated over 30 boxes of food for the St. Vincent DePaul Society Food Bank and holiday baskets, sold bracelets for the families in the Philippines, collected over \$300 for Nativity House, and sponsored a young child, Eddy, in Nairobi. As a parish, we can be proud of the school children's commitment to service as they live out our faith in the spirit of our patron saint, St. Vincent.

As we reflect on our Catholic Schools Week celebration and our blessings, please consider showing your support of Catholic education and our parish school by donating to the St. Vincent de Paul School Annual Fund. This fund supports current tuition assistance needs and the St. Vincent de Paul School Endowment. By donating to the Annual Fund, you help make it possible for more parish families to send their children to our parish school. All gifts are appreciated and really do make a difference in the lives of our families.

It's so easy to make a donation or pledge. Simply return the Annual Fund envelope or make a donation online through our website at www.stvs.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish School is your investment. Together, we can keep the investment strong as we form children who will be faith-filled Catholics and the future leaders of our Church and community. We are grateful for your support!

St. Vincent, pray for us,

Wanda Stewart Principal