

May 27, 2010

Dear St. Anthony of Padua Alums:

My imagination gets quite a work out as I think of the hundreds, thousands of you out there in all parts of the country living out the St. Anthony of Padua charism. It is so rewarding to picture all of you making a difference in the world in your unique way.

Many of you have inquired about the next reunion. It is scheduled for June 26, 2010. Please e-mail classmates informing them of this event. Every reunion has its special flavor and we expect this to be a great one!

Those of you in the metro area probably heard that St. Anthony of Padua School has received SACS certification. We are proud of this accomplishment and worked countless hours to prepare the official document and to prepare for the official visitation. Teachers, staff, students, parents, school board, alumni, and parish members did a remarkable job in exhibiting what makes St. Anthony of Padua School a school of educational excellence.

We have opened a program for two year olds in January, 2010. This plan has been germinating for some time and with the three year olds firmly established as an integral part of the school we chose to expand to younger children. Response has been positive and the two year olds have become a significant part of the school.

In the 95 years of quality education at St. Anthony of Padua School, major changes have taken place. In the past, Dominican Sisters staffed the school and were paid minimal salaries. Many of you were the recipients of the sacrifices of the Sisters and benefited from their services. Now lay teachers, in accordance with social justice, require a living wage with benefits causing a totally different financial challenge. To face the reality of finances we walk the tight rope of charging sufficient tuition to cover expenses. As you all know, the costs of providing health care to employees and other mandatory expenses continue to rise. You, as alumni, are living out the Christian values taught in your families and at St. Anthony of Padua School and look for ways to share your resources with others. Take a moment to think about the great sacrifices your parents made for your Catholic education and consider assisting your elementary school in fulfilling its vision: *to educate students in the Catholic faith, according to the Dominican tradition, who will be lifelong learners, active Christians, charitable servers, and responsible world citizens.*

Prayerfully,

Sr. Ruth Angelette, OP
Principal

I wish to make a one time donation to St. Anthony of Padua School.

I pledge to send yearly donations to St. Anthony of Padua School.

I wish to start a scholarship at St. Anthony of Padua School.
(Tuition for one child is \$4500.)

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