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

For many of us, St. Paul School holds a special place in our minds and hearts. It might be for how it shaped us or a loved one in the Catholic faith; taught respect, responsibility, and good citizenship; or prepared students academically. It could be for an inspirational teacher, for friendships made, or even where future spouses first met at a tender age.

Parents, too, must feel it is special. Why else would they make the financial sacrifice that is required for their children to attend? Holly Murray, the mother of two current students, believes the school offers "a unique academic environment with strong support from teachers, parents, the parish family and local communities. Students emerge from St. Paul School with a strong academic and spiritual preparedness for future opportunity along with awareness of stewardship and social responsibility."

Rebecca Carey, St. Paul's new principal and stalwart advocate for Catholic education, remains firmly committed to the school's mission of educating the mind, body, and spirit of all students. The school believes that a child's religious development begins with the family. But helping parents to educate students in the spirit of Christ and building in them a religious foundation distinguishes St. Paul as a special place in the Salem community.

The St. Paul School Foundation is proud to help the school remain on solid financial ground. We contribute toward capital improvements; equipment needs; teacher training; tuition assistance; or when income from tuition (\$2,200 annually), the parish subsidy, and fund raising does not meet all school expenses. Yet our resources are not limitless; we rely on donations, memorial contributions, bequests, and sound management of our investments.

Earlier this year, the foundation was blessed to receive a generous bequest from Mary Lou Loudon, a former foundation trustee and St. Paul graduate. Last fiscal year we received over 200 donations and memorial contributions that amounted to nearly \$22,000. We are very grateful for these gifts. For alumni, former students, and friends of St. Paul who are financially able, please consider a donation to the St. Paul School Foundation in response to this annual appeal. It will help children of the Salem area continue to be educated in the Catholic tradition at this special place.

With sincere appreciation,

The St. Paul School Foundation



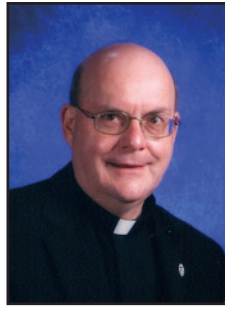
A Note from the Pastor...

by Fr. Robert Edwards

Dear Friends of St. Paul School,

Fifty years ago the Catholic Church began an exciting journey as Pope John XXIII and bishops, supported by the prayers of the people, collaborated with the Holy Spirit throughout a four-year period to guide us in better living our faith. The fruits of the Second Vatican Council are still with us. Fifty years have given religious educators time to refine and perfect their methods of passing on the faith.

We began celebrating the 50th anniversary of Vatican Council II on October 11, the first day of the **Year of Faith**. It will close on November 24, 2013. A special Vatican website posts information, news and articles at www.annusfidei.va/content/novaevangelizatio/en.html.



Fr. Edwards

I want to invite you, because of your connection to St. Paul School, to attend special events to celebrate the Year of Faith where you live. Give yourself the opportunity to pray more, read Scripture, and study the documents of Vatican II and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, because all of this is very relevant to the daily operation of St. Paul School.

A number of changes and challenges faced us at the beginning of this school year but Ms. Rebecca Carey, our principal, has faced them

with facility and equanimity. Mrs. Patty Bauman's mark on our school still stands and our new principal carries on in the tradition that has made St. Paul School an excellent choice in education in Salem. I feel very blessed to be pastor at a great parish with a great school.

Your continued prayers and support will enable us to be the best that we can be. God bless you, your family and friends in this Year of Faith.

Sincerely,

Father Bob Edwards

Foundation News

Bequest Made to Foundation



Mary Lou Loudon

Mary Lou Loudon, a 1943 graduate of St. Paul School and former foundation trustee, has bequeathed a generous financial contribution to the foundation. According to her

family, the donation was "inspired by the faith and charity nurtured in her during her years at St. Paul School, and is testimony to her Catholic devotion and love of community." Foundation president Mark Webb stated, "The St. Paul School Foundation deeply appreciates Mary Lou Loudon's overwhelming generosity that spanned two decades. Mary Lou's final gift is yet another testament to her commitment to St. Paul School and its mission of providing excellent education and promoting the Catholic faith tradition. We are eternally grateful to Mary Lou and her family for their support and dedication to St. Paul." Mrs. Loudon passed away on May 12, 2012. May her soul rest in peace.

Senior Scholarships Awarded



Dorothy Schlueter

Seven 2012 Salem area high school graduates shared a total of \$7,500 in foundation scholarships for their first year of post-secondary education. The first place winner was Dorothy Schlueter, a valedictorian from West Branch High School, who attends the University of Notre Dame. Runners-up, all from Salem High, and the schools they attend are Norma Aguirre, beauty school; Jocelynne Samu, Miami University of Ohio; Rebekah Santarelli and Gabrielle Shivers, University of Mount Union; Maxwell Schuster, University of Akron; and Jacob Thompson, Walsh University.

High school seniors who graduated from St. Paul, participated actively in the parish youth ministry, and maintained a 2.0 high school grade point average were eligible.

Since 1995, the foundation has awarded \$40,550 in scholarships to 73 St. Paul graduates. For a complete list of recipients, visit the foundation page on the school website at www.stpaul.k12.oh.us.

School Support 2011-2012

The foundation contributed \$71,057 to St. Paul School during the 2011-2012 academic year. This covered nearly 11 percent of total school expenses. About 77 percent of these funds went to operating expenses—salaries, benefits, maintenance, and utilities. Nearly 20 percent went to tuition assistance and the remainder supported teacher training. These monies helped close the gap between tuition, parish support and other school income. It was the third consecutive year that the foundation helped the school meet operational expenses.

A Note from the Principal...

by Rebecca Carey



Rebecca Carey

In August, St. Paul School opened its doors for the 109th time. The students who passed through our doors in 1904 have a lot in common with the students of today.

Every student who attends St. Paul School receives an excellent Catholic education. Teachers and staff provide a positive environment where prayer is part of daily life. Students celebrate Mass weekly. All are encouraged to practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in hopes that the Salem community and the world will become a better place in which to live.

Academic standards are very high. Students are encouraged to use their

talents and abilities to the fullest. St. Paul School students excel in language arts and mathematics.



Computer instructor Jason Williams answers a student's question.

Our curriculum continues to expand to meet the current needs of our students, while at the same time, providing them with the skills they will need for future success. Scientific concepts are taught from preschool through grade 6. Opportunities are provided for students to actively learn and explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The cost of educating a student today is very expensive. The school relies on the generosity of others to help defray costs not covered by tuition. Alumni and friends' support over the years has been greatly appreciated. Please continue to support the mission of St. Paul School through prayer, volunteerism, donations, and gifts as we continue our journey of faith and knowledge.



Fourth grade teacher Katrina Krise helps students at the school library.

School News

St. Paul Welcomes New Principal

St. Paul School welcomed Rebecca Carey as its new principal following the retirement of Patricia Bauman last summer. A native of Erie, Pennsylvania, Ms. Carey has worked in education for 34 years, much of it in Catholic education both in the Erie area and in Virginia. A parish committee headed by pastor Father Robert Edwards selected her over 13 other candidates.

Ms. Carey holds a bachelor's degree in education from Villa Maria College and two masters degrees, one in biology from Gannon University and one in school administration from Edinboro University.

Ms. Carey will emphasize the expanded use of technology at St. Paul as well as students' religious formation and prayer life. The foundation looks forward to working with her.

St. Paul Adopts iPads

At the start of the school year, St. Paul students began using iPads for the first time in the classroom. According to Mr. Dave Pancurak, 5th grade teacher and head of technology for St. Paul, the major benefit of the tablet computers is enabling students to learn the 21st century skills of critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication from a single device. iPads are in use from kindergarten through the 6th grade.



Mrs. JoAnn Barto teaches a lesson using the iPad.

Catholic Schools Week

St. Paul will join with other Catholic schools around the nation to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, January 27 to February 2, 2013. The theme is "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards."



Lake Baum, a 1992 grad, demonstrates the guitar during Catholic Schools Week 2012.

Special programs, Mass, and an open house mark the celebration. If you live in the Salem area, watch the parish bulletin, school website, or *The Salem News* for the schedule of events in January. Then plan a visit to meet the staff and students, and learn more how

St. Paul is dedicated to educating the minds, bodies, and spirits of its students.

Graduation Day 2012

On May 31st, the Feast of the Visitation, Rev. Robert Edwards and Rev. Stephen Wassie, concelebrated graduation Mass for St. Paul 6th graders. During his homily, Fr. Edwards noted the “special moments” that were part of their Catholic formation at St. Paul such as First Communion, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and their class retreat—

all moments that helped them to get to know God.

Recalling the Visitation story and Mary’s opening words of the Magnificat—“My soul magnifies the Lord...” that she prayed that day, Fr. Edwards suggested that generations of St. Paul students also magnified the Lord in those special moments over the years. By praising and

worshipping the Lord throughout their lives, they reached a greater and fuller understanding of the greatness and goodness of God.

Following the homily, 6th grade teacher, Mrs. JoAnn Barto, presented the students to the congregation as they received certificates of graduation.

Principal Patricia Bauman conferred the St. Paul Christian Witness Award on Gabriel Fitch and Gustav Schuster. The school bestows this honor on the graduates who best exemplify respect for classmates, authority, school property and policy; a positive attitude; willingness to help others; a spirit of acceptance and inclusion; forgiving others; willingness to volunteer; and acceptance of daily responsibilities.

After Mass, the congregation enjoyed a multimedia collage of the year-in-review, featuring pictures of each of the graduates, and produced by Mrs. Barto. Congratulations to all!



2012 St. Paul Graduates

Front: Mrs. Patricia Bauman, principal, Grace Maroscher, Zachary Bezon, Georgia McLachan, Logan Brine. Back: Anna Ostapiak, Kasey Goodchild, Seth Shivers, Gabe Fitch, Matthew Carlisle, Sydney Shugart, Gustav Schuster, Kate Yuhanick, Paige Butcher.

Alumni News

Academic Achievements

- St. Paul graduates continued their tradition of high academic performance. Four out of 12 2012 Salem High graduates who earned a grade point average of 4.0 or higher graduated from St. Paul. They are Zachary Brine, Stephanie Wood, Jocelynn Samu, and Gabrielle Shivers.

- Stephen Navarra accepted an invitation to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the only interdisciplinary honors organization for first- and second-year college students. Membership is based on grade point average and class standing. He is a student at the University of Akron and a 2005 St. Paul graduate.

- Frederick Schlueter, a 2008 St. Paul grad, earned the top composite score of 36 on the ACT test, a measure of college academic preparedness. Approximately one-tenth of one percent of those taking the test achieve a top score. Frederick is a junior at West Branch High School.

Athletic Achievement

Anthony Shivers, a 2007 St. Paul graduate and now a senior at Salem High, won the Ohio high school Division II discus title in early June with a throw of 190 feet, seven inches. The toss was the eighth time that Shivers broke the school record last season.

Mass for Two Classes

On Saturday, July 27, 2013, the 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Paul will be offered to commemorate two milestones—the 65th birthdays of members of the class of 1962 and the class of 1963’s 50th anniversary of graduating from St. Paul. All members of both classes living in or visiting the Salem area who attended St. Paul School for any period of time are encouraged to attend.

Class of 1961 Reunion

Fourteen members of the St. Paul class of 1961 gathered for a June picnic at the Canfield, Ohio, home of Rich and Gayle Detwiler Juliano to celebrate their 65th birthdays. This was the fourth reunion for the class since 2005!



St. Paul School Class of 1961 Reunion

1st row (l to r): Margie Marks Drovdic, Gayle Detwiler Juliano, Shirley Radler Swindell, Rita Pastorelli Clifford

2nd: Debbie Gbur Winter, Pat Kolner Donovan,

3rd: Pat Englert Smith, Jeff Davis, Rich Juliano, Terry Zocolo

4th: Chuck Joseph, Dave Julian, Joe Ciotti, Jim Galchick

Reflections on 38 Years at St. Paul School...

by Patricia Bauman

Earlier this year, Patricia Bauman retired after 38 years of service and dedication to St. Paul School. We asked Mrs. Bauman to reflect on her career in Catholic education as a teacher and the last six years as principal. We wish her the best in retirement.

My first memories of Catholic education were of family activities even before I was old enough to go to school. As a family we attended Mass every Sunday, participated in family rosary time, and went to Benediction together. My formal education in Catholic school started in kindergarten and continued through high school. I appreciated the extra spiritual support that my high school Catholic education

gave me during the significant cultural turbulence of the 1960s.

These childhood experiences helped me decide to accept the position as the first kindergarten teacher at St. Paul School and continue educating children in the Catholic tradition until 2012.

During those 38 years, I had the pleasure of educating close to 550 St. Paul School students. The academic emphasis has always been on finding the balance between educational trends and the best teaching methods to promote productive and successful student learning.

The biggest changes I experienced over the years were for student safety—secure buildings, lockdown drills,

fingerprinting, training staff and adult volunteers in child protection policies, and an anti-bullying curriculum.

Rapid advancements in technology and the broad spectrum of experience in using technology by both students and teachers kept educators constantly updating their knowledge and skills with professional development both individually and as a staff.

I began and ended my career in education at St. Paul School. I am grateful for the way that experience shaped my life spiritually, personally, and socially. My hope is that St. Paul School is able to continue supporting its parish and community by providing the spiritual and academic education it has for over 108 years.



One of Mrs. Bauman's (then Miss Kerns) early kindergarten classes.

St. Paul School Foundation Donors - July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012

The St. Paul School Foundation gratefully acknowledges the hundreds of individuals, businesses, and organizations that have donated generously to the foundation since its inception in 1991. Space limits us to listing here those who contributed between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012. The total amount of donations during this period was \$21,751.33. Your generosity and willingness to support St. Paul School are deeply and sincerely appreciated.

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St. Paul School

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Mind



Science projects

Body



Play time for preschoolers

Spirit



Learning to lector at a young age

Former Principal Dies

Sister Lucille Spirek, H.M., principal of St. Paul School from 1982-1987 passed away on October 12, 2012, at the Villa Maria Community Center in Villa Maria, Pennsylvania.

A native of Cleveland, Sister Lucille served with the Sisters of the Humility of Mary Congregation for 64 years. Before working in education, she managed the Villa Maria farm. At the time of death, Sister served in the prayer ministry. May her soul rest in peace.

Staying in Touch

The foundation greatly appreciates those who have helped to update our mailing list over the past year. However, much work remains. If you know of alumni, former students, or friends of St. Paul School who do

not receive this newsletter, please encourage them to provide their current address by contacting the foundation or, preferably, by completing the online contact information form on the foundation page of the school website at: www.stpaul.k12.oh.us/. If you will be moving, please notify us of your new address. We want to stay in touch with all former students.

