



Dear Friends of Saint Bernard Academy,

We are writing to you as enthusiastic supporters of Saint Bernard Academy to ask for your financial contribution to the 2010-2011 Annual Giving Fund. When Mr. Sabo asked us to serve as chairs for this year's Annual Giving Fund campaign, we happily agreed. We have been thrilled with our experience at Saint Bernard Academy and want to do everything we can to support the SBA mission of providing a strong Catholic education built on a foundation of self-discipline, compassion and a sense of responsibility for social justice in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy.

The Annual Giving Fund is crucial to the success and growth of SBA. The fund touches all aspects of school life – academics, technology, athletics, extra-curricular programs, facilities and more. You may not be aware that tuition does not cover the actual cost to educate a child at SBA. The fund bridges the gap and allows SBA to continue its tradition of excellence in education.

We have some very exciting news to share about this year's Annual Giving Fund campaign. A very good friend of Saint Bernard Academy has generously offered to contribute one dollar for every two dollars raised during the campaign. This munificent pledge will allow each dollar that we raise to go that much further in helping SBA meet its goals.

The goal for this year's fund is \$100,000 with 100% parent participation. There are many options available to spread your contribution out over a period of time. No contribution is too small, and every dollar is appreciated (and tax deductible!)

Why is every contribution to Annual Giving Fund important? Most foundations that provide funding for independent schools will only consider schools that achieve a minimum parent participation rate of 75%. Exceeding this goal will open the doors to outside funding that will continue to advance the school and its objectives.

Let's work together to make the 2010-2011 Annual Giving Fund the largest in the history of the school. We challenge you to join in this fundraising effort and support what the teachers and administration are doing to help our children grow academically, spiritually and as leaders. A 2010-2011 Annual Giving Fund Pledge Form is attached.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and for your support of SBA.

Sincerely,

Jim and Lauren Pareigis