

Dear OLR Parishioners,

Parishes and their schools should have the warmest relationship, with families worshipping together, learning together, even growing up together. Those who make up the parish and school should not simply share property and facilities, but they should share a vision, marked by a commitment to serve one another in love. They should embody the communion we celebrate in the Eucharist.

We at Our Lady of the Rosary are truly living out this ideal each and every day. We take for granted a partnership many parishes and school think impossible. *This is no accident.* Not only are 85% of our school families registered on paper to worship at OLR Church, they actually *do* worship here. We see the children all about the church, overflowing the pews. They populate robust ranks of altar boys. They queue up ahead of us for confession (and we are grateful their sins are quickly told!) They scamper about the courtyard on Sunday for so long, one cannot tell if they stayed after the 8:00am Mass or arrived early for the 10:30.

Every day, OLR school strives to be more united to our parish. *What form does this unity take?* When there is a funeral, the school provides altar servers, even during class. Our Lower School grades join in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with parishioners after each daily Mass. We supply choirs for the annual Advent Lessons and Carols. It was the initiative of OLR students that resulted in the addition of a 7:15am Mass on Wednesdays. The school organizes summer camps – academic, athletics, artistic – that are open to parishioners. We include teens from the parish in our annual pilgrimage to the March of Life in Washington DC.

For all the benefit we hope the school provides to the parish, we are doubly grateful for what we have first received from you. Thank you sincerely for your hospitality and spiritual support. We are blessed beyond measure!

In Christ's Love,
Tommy Curtin, Headmaster