

# St. Marys Catholic Elementary School System

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Mr. John J. Kearns  
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Dear Jack,


Our Capital Campaign for Education is winding down and I want to thank you for your leadership in this endeavor. You demonstrated throughout the process that your chosen career path is an appropriate one. I was truly amazed at how quickly you came to know our community as well as any of us knows it. The feasibility study was thorough and accurate. The campaign, under your firm, yet gentle, guidance, went as you predicted.

While the rest of us were skeptical at first about how realistic the goal was, you knew from the beginning that we could do it. Your trust in the commitment of the community to support the project was strong enough to sustain our efforts. We have not only reached our goal of \$8,000,000, but we have exceeded it and continue to receive new pledges. What makes this an especially amazing feat is that it has been accomplished in the face of some adversity regarding the project being funded, as it involves restructuring the elementary schools.

Mother Theresa once said that, "God has lots of money...we just have to find it." Thank you for helping us find the money we needed to secure quality Catholic education in our community. Thank you, also, for making our project yours. You not only believed that we could raise the needed money, but you demonstrated a belief in the actual building/renovation project as surely as if it had been your idea. Had you not helped us raise a dime, your support was invaluable.

May God bless you and your family as He has blessed us with your presence.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Mary Agnes Marshall  
Supervising Principal  
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