



With many prayers and the extraordinary dedication of our teachers, St. Ann's Academy (SAA) has been able to achieve much since we opened our doors four years ago. With your donations, many of you were instrumental in the successful, smooth transition from St. Ann School to St. Ann's Academy. 153 years of uninterrupted Catholic education in the Hornell area is a legacy to be proud of! Thank you so much.

As you may know, St. Ann's Academy follows a new model of governance. Rather than being Diocesan controlled as St. Ann School was, SAA is managed by a local Board of Directors. St. Ann's Academy is self-governed and financially independent. As watchful stewards, the Board has had a balanced budget every year, while ensuring the safety and educational needs of our students. Talented and caring teachers are essential, thus over 80% of our budget goes toward actual *teaching*! The best part of our independence is that the state cannot tell us what to teach; we start the day with prayers, talk about God during the day, and walk out the door at the end of the day with a better understanding of what it means to be Christian.

Here is a quick report card:

- ✓ Enrollment has increased each year!
- ✓ St. Ann's has 61 students now; 66 have signed up for next year.
- ✓ We have the equivalent of seven full-time teachers who are able to provide an education tailored to the needs of each child.
- ✓ We are currently accepting applications for our 5th school year (2016-2017).
- ✓ Our charter authorizes grades Pre-K through 6th.
- ✓ 98% of our income comes from tuition, fundraisers and personal donations.
- ✓ SAA is a not-for-profit educational institution recognized by the IRS (501c3), making donations tax deductible.

We are writing to ask you to consider sharing your financial blessings so St. Ann's Academy can continue teaching well into the future. Please consider one of the following:

- Sending a check (to P.O. Box 446, Hornell, NY 14843)
- Donating with a credit card on-line at www.SAAcademy.org
- Making a pledge
- Calling to talk about a gift from your estate after your passing
- Asking for a personal tour so you can see for yourself!

Any one of these would be a great benefit to St. Ann's Academy. We assure you that you will be remembered daily in the children's and our prayers. You will also help our efforts to make the world a better place by teaching Hornell area children to emulate the Saints, and the mission of Christ, which is to "*Teach as Jesus Did.*"

Sincerely,

Jerome O'Connor, School Board President
& Foundation Board President

Sister Dolores Ann Stein, School Board
& Foundation Board Member

Our Vision:

St. Ann's Academy inspires achievement and instills faith in its students and others who support its mission.

We manage our resources well so a quality education is affordable to all families in the area who want their children to have a faith-based education that provides a sound emotional and spiritual foundation for life.

Mission:

St. Ann's Academy exists to provide a Catholic education in the Hornell area so that our children learn in an environment that enables them to become well-grounded spiritually and exceptional academically.

St. Ann's Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.
