



Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

"Contemplating Christ in the School of Mary"



14 December 2009

Dear OLMC Families,

It is with great excitement that I announce the launching of our first Annual Appeal, an opportunity to participate in the enrichment and success of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. Our history has always been one of growth. From our humble beginnings as a three classroom school in 1954, we have flourished to serving over 400 students. God's blessings and the generosity of our parents, alumni, and benefactors have made this growth possible. For this, we are truly grateful.

An annual appeal is a necessity for any private school. Tuition funds only a percentage of the operating budget and charitable giving bridges the gap. The tuition that would be necessary to fund the current level of education would restrict the number of families who could afford to attend. Furthermore, gifts are tax deductible and tuition is not.

Our goal is to reach 100% participation from families, faculty, and staff. Whenever we apply to foundations for grants, one of the questions always asked is the percentage of families and faculty members who financially support our school. A large percentage means that our own constituents believe in our mission and want to ensure our success. Foundations will more readily give when that support is apparent.

You will be receiving our Annual Appeal brochure in the mail. I ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift. The wonderful educational experience that our children share, and the loving, Christ-centered environment in which they learn, relies upon the commitment and gifts of us all. Your generosity today will secure the future for the students that God has so graciously allowed us to serve.

With prayers and much gratitude for you,

Michele Smith
Development



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2009-10 Annual Appeal**

Gift Recognition Circles

Gift of Prayer

Sister Marie William McGregor, O.P Circle	\$10,000+
1954 Cornerstone Circle	\$5,000-9,999
Marian Circle	\$2,500—4,999
Carmelite Priests Circle	\$1,000—2,499
Dominican Sisters Circle	\$500—999
Crusaders Circle	\$250—499
Blue and Gold Circle	\$100—249
Friends Circle	up to \$99

Unless otherwise indicated, my name will appear as printed below in the Annual Report:

YES! I want to support the mission of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

◇ Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ made payable to Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

◇ I pledge \$ _____ to be paid over _____ months or by June 30, 2009

My employer is _____

◇ Enclosed is my matching gift form ◇ Please advise if gift is eligible for matching

All gifts are deductible for income tax purposes.