



ST. ANN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

The St. Ann Parish Community is launching a new and exciting campaign titled, **Brick by Brick**. This is a unique opportunity to make a lasting impression on the St. Ann Community. The project hopes to provide a beautiful area outside of the St. Ann Social Hall. The area will allow bricks and pavers (8" x 8") to be placed in this prominent place to be a visible legacy to your family, to celebrate a milestone (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or graduation), to name a few possibilities. It is also an opportunity to remember someone who has gone before us to eternal life. The first brick has already been purchased by the Home and School Association to be given to the Daniel Cunningham family to be inscribed as they see fit.

Consider honoring a loved one with a commemorative brick or paver which will be featured in the new courtyard. If you are a member of St. Ann Parish, you have received a brochure in the mail. If you are not a member of the parish, one is included in this week's Friday folder.

The proceeds of this project will benefit St. Ann School. As you may be aware, St. Ann School Community produced a Strategic Plan during the 2005-2006 academic year. This is a project that is being undertaken by all schools in the Diocese of Wilmington during this academic year. St. Ann School was fortunate enough to complete the plan one year ahead of the other schools in the Diocese. There were four main areas of consideration. They are strengthening in the areas of Catholic Identity, middle school program, the curriculum, and financial stability. There are many facets contained in each of these four areas. One key factor under the area of curriculum as stated in the plan, "to evaluate the current Spanish program and determine ways in which that program can be improved." Currently, I am hoping to expand the program to four days a week rather than just one.

I have surveyed many of the Catholic Schools in Wilmington and have discovered that most have the "specials" once a week so there is precedent for that schedule here at St. Ann School. I have a goal to expand that schedule but an initiative of that nature takes time, planning and financial support. Spanish is the first area that will be addressed. As with any program expansion, there is a dollar figure attached. Msgr. Cini has agreed that this program is a priority and funds from the sale of the bricks and pavers would be marked for this project.

Attached is an order form and details regarding the purchase of the bricks/pavers. Representatives will be available after each Mass on February 24th and 25th. Please contact the members of the committee if you have any questions. Thank you for the leadership you share and for your support. God's blessing on you and your family as we begin this holy season of Lent.

Sincerely,
Sister Virginia Pfau, IHM
Principal

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Steering Committee

Celebrating 100 Years of Catholic Education

Bona Sancta Anna Mater Nostrae Matris Invocamus Nomen Tuum

