



Faith



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VRCS VENANGO REGION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Friends of Venango Region Catholic School,

As the excitement of the new school year fills the hallways, we find ourselves pausing to reflect on the previous year. Amid a global pandemic, VRCS continued to live out our mission to provide a Catholic education to children throughout the Venango region forming the next generation of leaders to be people of faith, scholarship, and service. As a school, we prayed for wisdom and guidance, took several deep breaths, and prayed harder for strength as we faced the uncertainty of each day. Words such as isolation, quarantine, contacting tracing, and social distancing took on new meanings. As a school family, we have all experienced some form of loss since March 2020. Some losses were greater than others. Yet, despite it all, we emerged stronger, and VRCS soared to new heights figuratively and literally. The state of our school is strong; our Catholic identity drives what we do, and we look toward the future with optimism.

Without the generosity and support from community members, families, and alumni, our continued growth and ability to adapt to these ever-changing times would not have been possible. We thank you!

The 2021-2022 VRCS Annual Fund campaign has begun. Every VRCS Annual Fund contribution directly addresses the school's immediate needs and priorities to ensure academic excellence for today's students. Students at both St. Stephen School and Venango Catholic Jr./Sr. High School directly benefit from each contribution.

The Annual Fund supports our overall strategic goals: to continue to provide a rigorous and engaging curriculum that promotes academic excellence and high standards, to attract and maintain quality faculty and staff, and to keep tuition affordable for our working families. Funds raised this year will help us ensure that VRCS remains a high-quality Catholic school while adjusting to our "new normal." This year, VRCS is setting an Annual Fund campaign goal of \$100,000. Any gift, no matter the size, makes an impact. We are blessed with solid programs, gifted educators, supportive parents, and committed stakeholders. VRCS continues to be a school of opportunities and possibilities. Both campuses, this fall, will undergo several significant capital improvements.

- The Venango Catholic Jr./Sr. High School campus will undergo a substantial renovation when every window is replaced. We are beyond blessed to have been given this extraordinary opportunity by gracious donors to complete this much-needed facilities improvement.
- At our St. Stephen School campus, work was recently completed to replace the exterior gym doors, and all interior door handles and locks to improve safety and meet ADA compliance standards.
- The west-facing windows at the St. Stephen campus will be replaced; work begins in October.

Progress is happening at each of our campuses. God continues to bless Venango Region Catholic School. If you believe in the life-long benefits of Catholic education and the long-term effects it has on our community, please consider supporting Venango Region Catholic School with a monetary donation. Whether you donate \$5 or \$1,000, every dollar is a gift that makes a difference.

May God's blessings be with you, all our families, our children, alumni, and devoted school friends throughout the days ahead.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mrs. Laura Blake

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