



The Catholic Community of St. Matthias
 168 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
 Somerset, NJ 08873



Dear Friends,

December 14, 2020

As the days grow shorter and we find ourselves midway through Advent, we want to thank you for your collaboration to do what others believed to be impossible. We opened our school doors with all grades in-person, full days, five days a week. In addition, we have been able to offer the option of virtual learning for those unable to attend in-person. None of this would have been possible without your help. We are proud of our students and of our school families for all that you do on an ongoing basis. We are stronger together because of you.

At this time of year, we invite you to participate in the **School's Annual Fund for 2020-2021**. The Annual Fund is critical to our continued success and growth, because we are a private, Catholic school, and we rely on tuition and voluntary contributions to support the school's general operating expenses as well as ongoing improvements. The Annual Fund provides the largest source of "unrestricted" funds for current use in the areas that the school needs it most -- from academic initiatives to arts and athletic supplies, to professional development for our faculty, to building and grounds maintenance, to community service activities. The pandemic has placed an extra burden on our budget as we have had to reassess, pivot and adapt our technology, teaching, and maintenance procedures these past 10 months and will need to continue to do so for the coming months.

This Advent Season we are filled with both Gratitude and Hope: Gratitude for you and the many blessings we see all around us, and Hope for the coming of our Lord who brings all things to fruition.

To donate to the Annual Fund, you may write a check to "St. Matthias School Annual Fund" or donate online through ParishGiving.

May the Christmas Blessing be with you and your family through the New Year 2020-2021.

Fr. Abraham Orapankal
 Pastor

Ms. Elena Malinconico
 Principal



St. Matthias School 2020-2021 Annual Fund

Make your gift by check (mail to: 168 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Somerset, NJ 08873, or place in the collection basket) or donate online at www.ParishGiving.org. Please make checks payable to "St. Matthias School Annual Fund."

Yes, I accept your invitation to support St. Matthias School and its students through a tax-deductible gift.

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