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Dear Friend of St. Michael's School,

When Pope Francis visited Washington D.C. in September, crowds of people greeted him and audiences everywhere listened to his message of hope, non-judgmental love and acceptance for all God's children.

It was especially exciting for our pastor, Father Peter Giovanoni; teacher, Andrea Hamilton; and, eighteen of our St. Michael's School students to bid farewell to Pope Francis as he was leaving the Vatican Embassy on his last day in D.C. The children returned to school with accounts of how special they felt when Pope Francis touched their heads, held their hands, and blessed their rosaries or medals. Pope Francis filled them with such joy and fervor for their faith.



You have also touched the lives of our St. Michael's School students. For almost 100 years, our teachers and parishioners, parents and grandparents, friends and neighbors have worked *together* to guide our students as they grow and rejoice in their Christian faith. Your participation in our school fundraisers, such as the cash bash, thrift store, auctions, pizza socials and spirit nights, have kept the doors to our school open. Because of your dedication, we continue to implement our mission to educate our children in the tenants of the Catholic faith. We aspire to share the same joy that Pope Francis brought to us in September – the joy of displaying and celebrating our faith and love of God.

To continue our mission, we must meet the financial challenge of covering the gap

between our tuition income and the actual cost to educate a child. Our annual Guardian Angel Appeal, with its goal of \$25,000, is one piece of our overall strategy to meet this challenge. I pray that you will continue to touch our children's lives by offering a generous gift to our appeal. Your support, both in the past and now, keeps our tuition at an affordable



rate making it possible for more children to attend St. Michael's School. Through your gifts, our enrollment has reached 185 students – the highest we have had in many years.

To contribute, you may write a check payable to the Archangel Scholarship Foundation and mail it to the address in the letterhead. If you prefer making a gift online and using either your PayPal account or a major credit card, go to <http://archangelfoundation.wordpress.com/>. Your gift is 100% tax deductible.



It means so much to our children when you fold your hands in prayer for our school, extend your hands in support of our fundraising events and give your donation to our annual Guardian Angel Appeal. Our school administration, faculty and staff, and the children of St. Michael's School offer *our prayers* in thanksgiving *for all you do*.

All SMS Guardian Angel Appeal donors are remembered in the Masses and daily prayers of St. Michael's Parish and School family, with special recognition during Catholic Schools Week.

Thank you for your generosity to the children of St. Michael's School. May God bless you abundantly with His gifts of faith, hope, and peace.

With profound gratitude,

Lila R. Hofmeister  
Principal

