

## Dear St. Peter School Families and Friends,

Welcome. I am delighted that you have chosen to learn more about St. Peter School and the *Cornerstone Campaign*. This historic endeavor will improve the facilities of our over 150-year-old school, allowing us to continue the excellence in education for generations to come. This wonderful opportunity will greatly assist us in ensuring that St. Peter School has a strong foundation to continue our history of educating students "founded on love of God and service to others."

This is an exciting time to be part of the St. Peter School community. In September 2019, we were honored to be named a National Blue Ribbon School by the Department of Education for the second time. The Blue Ribbon Award recognizes "exemplary high performing schools across the country." St. Peter School would not have achieved this tremendous honor without the dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence of our faculty and staff, students, and parents.

Over the past two years school and parish leadership engaged in a thoughtful planning process to establish a facilities Master Plan for St. Peter School's future. The Master Plan calls for the building of a large multipurpose space capable of housing our entire school community for events like Back to School Night and Grandparents' Day, as well as for indoor recess, CYO sports, PE classes, and lunch. It will also allow our school to be ADA compliant for the first time by installing an elevator and a new, welcoming school entrance at street level; and provide additional resource and break-out rooms.

Through prudent financial management over the past several years, and thanks to the generosity of St. Peter's Parish, we already have \$3 million dollars in savings, gifts, and pledges to dedicate to this historic endeavor.

This website will provide you information and documents that will hopefully answer your questions and explain details of the process and project. Our master plan, feasibility study, campaign brochure, and frequently asked questions are all here for you to review. My goal is to effectively communicate as much information about this project and campaign as possible.

I believe the *Cornerstone Campaign* is a critical next step for our school. And it only will be successful with the help of all families I ask you to pray about this opportunity and for the responsibility each of us has to be responsible stewards of this School which has given so much to us and to our families.

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