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April 27, 2006

Dear Holy Rosary School Parents,

We are excited to announce the opening of the 2006-7 school year pledge drive for Holy Rosary School's Annual Fund, "**INVEST IN EXCELLENCE!**" The Annual Fund runs from July 1 through June 30. The actual pledge form will be included in your registration materials this spring.

In 2005, Holy Rosary School launched the Annual Fund to build ongoing financial security for the school, and to ensure Catholic education remains affordable for all. Last year 100% of our faculty, 75% of our families, and multiple extended families and parishioners gifted over \$100,000. These contributions allowed us to increase our teachers' salaries from 96% to 98% of the Washington State scale for the 2006-2007 school year; a huge achievement in our goal to fairly compensate our teachers. At the same time, this year's tuition increase will be only 4%. This is a truly remarkable first step! Feel proud of the impact your generosity has on all Holy Rosary School families.

This year our goal for the Annual Fund is \$114,000. We are confident that we can reach that goal if we achieve 100% participation from our school families, staff, and extended community. It is the Annual Fund, together with Parents' Club fundraisers and parish subsidy that make up the difference between tuition and the actual cost of educating a child at Holy Rosary School. That difference is \$1,377 per student for 2006-7.

The establishment of the Development Office creates new and exciting opportunities for the growth of our Annual Fund. Historically, we have relied on you, the parents to support our school fundraising activities through the Scrip program, the Heart Auction, the Christmas Tree Lot, and others. Currently, the Development Office is working to identify alumni, parishioners, and other friends of Holy Rosary who may be interested in investing in our students and school. Each year participation in the Annual Fund will continue to be expanded as we reach out to our community at large.

We all know that Holy Rosary School is a special place. The commitment to our community is evident in everything we do. Communities are strengthened when all members band together for common causes. Full participation by our current families, staff, alumni, relatives and friends demonstrates solidarity with the Holy Rosary purpose. Every gift is important to Holy Rosary School. We ask everyone to give generously based on their own financial capability.

**Donating to the Annual Fund is tax deductible as allowed by law. Tuition is not tax deductible.**

Your pledge can be satisfied with a one-time gift, or can be paid in monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual increments. You can use Electronic Funds Transfer or Credit/Debit cards if you wish. Please remember that although the Annual Fund is a voluntary gift, **we require that you complete the form and return it to us.** This will ensure that you won't receive a follow-up phone call or pledge form from the Development Office. And, if your employer offers a matching gifts program, please send in your part of the form. We will do the rest!

If you have any questions regarding the Annual Fund, please contact Ann Donovan, Development Director, 206-937-7255, or email [adonovan@holyrosaryschoolws.org](mailto:adonovan@holyrosaryschoolws.org). Thank you for your prayerful consideration of your gift.

Sincerely,

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