



Dear Friends,

Have you ever considered the unique calling you have to build up the Church on the north end of Springfield?

In the gospel of Matthew, Christ tells us “You are the light of the world.” (MT 5:14) On Sangamon Avenue, on the north end of Springfield, that light shines bright through St. Aloysius School. The students are filled with joy and love for one another. They are soaking in the faith that is taught to them by an amazing staff who are a light to our students. Through mass, prayer in chapel, the rosary, and service to others the students learn what it means to be a follower of Christ and part of His Church.

In a document called Lumen Gentium, which translated from latin means “Light of the Nations,” Pope Paul VI tells us that we are all part of the body of Christ, and are called to evangelize and sanctify the Church. He’s not talking about bishops, priests, deacons, and nuns, but rather the laity of the Church. We have a special opportunity to evangelize the Church by providing a Catholic Christian education to the young men and women of the north end of Springfield IL. We are called to be the light of the world and we are called to share that light with the youth of our community. As St. John tells us when speaking of the word entering the world, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (JN 1:5)

The teachers and staff work tirelessly to teach our youth about our Catholic faith so they can carry that light into the future. With your help we can continue our mission to teach the faith, support the Church, and serve those in need. As St. John Paul II recognized the youth of the Church are our future. Will you help us support them?

In this season of Lent, a season of almsgiving, will you partner with us to provide a Catholic education?

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Thank you for your ongoing support of our mission. The teachers, staff, Church, and especially the children thank you for supporting our future.

Yours in Christ,  
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