

- St. Thomas Aquinas Academy's enrollment grew by 9% this year despite the economic downturn.
- Expenses have been reduced by almost \$200,000 by closing the Holy Family campus and sharing of personnel.
- Catholic Central High School is the only Catholic high school north of Green Bay and there are no Catholic high schools in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.
- The Catholic Central High School Foundation, operated independently from the academy, uses investment earnings to help the Academy.
- STAA has opportunities in The Angel Donor Program that sponsors tuition for individual students or specific families in the elementary, middle, and high school.

Supporters and benefactors of the Academy have a right to be proud of its academic achievements and, most importantly, of its community of young Catholic learners.

The 2009/2010 school year is a crucial one for the Academy.

To continue program expansion for our students and grow our enrollment, the Academy must raise sufficient funds in the 2009/2010 Annual Giving Campaign to retire a portion of our existing debt and to be ready to meet an anticipated budgetary shortfall.

The goal for this Campaign is \$300,000.

Levels of Giving

These levels may be acquired with a donation or pledge for the 2009/2010 Annual Giving Campaign. Acknowledgements will be made in upcoming newsletters and reports and on the Donor Wall in the High School Gym Entryway.

* \$5,000 or more
Executive Partner in Learning

"Man should not consider his material possession his own, but as common to all, so as to share them without hesitation when others are in need."

* \$1,000-\$4,999
Partner in Learning
"Love takes up where knowledge leaves off."

*\$500-\$999
Colleague in Learning

"Wonder is the desire for knowledge."

*\$250-\$499
Associate in Learning

"Give, expecting nothing thereof."

* Up to \$249
Friend in Learning

"Friendship is the source of the greatest pleasures, and without friends even the most agreeable pursuits become tedious."



Students in financial need can be sponsored or 'adopted' for a semester, a year, or any number of years. Sponsorship can cover full tuition or a percentage.

Our alumni are a shining example of how our school (Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy, Catholic Central High School and Lourdes Academy) has prepared its students for the future.

- Cash
- Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds
- Life Insurance
- Memorial Gifts
- Wills and Charitable Bequest
- Business gifts
- Real Estate and Personal Property
- Annuities, Living Trusts and
- Special Needs Trusts

2009/2010 Annual Giving

Did you know?

STAA needs *YOUR* Support!



Forms of Giving

Become an Angel Donor



Commencement Speaker
for the Graduating Class
of 2009, Diane Walters
(CCHS, 1973)

St. Thomas Aquinas Finds a "Secret Angel" in Tuition Assistance Program

By: Marge Bruemmer

During my years with Catholic Central high School and Saint Thomas Academy, many things have impressed me. One of the most awesome experiences was working with individuals who believed in Catholic education and became dedicated donors to our school.

One particular individual will always be locked in my memory. This is because this person does not live in the area, nor does he have family members attend our school. Mr. Jerry Sarnowski donates generously to the school, helping both the school and the students.

He believes in financially assisting Catholic students who come from families struggling to pay tuition. He has donated eight to ten thousand dollars each year for over ten years. Please take time to read about him and perhaps you or someone you know can help the school with the tuition assistance program.

Jerry Sarnowski lives in Vulcan, Michigan. Every year, he helps to support STAA by assisting students

with their tuition. He also helps Thomas More High School (Milwaukee, WI), and Holy Spirit Catholic Grade school (Norway, WI). Sarnowski strongly believes the more donations individuals give toward financial aid, the more enrollment at Catholic schools will increase, and thus succeed.

For 14 years, Sarnowski and his family had a summer cottage in the area, and attended SS. Joseph & Edward Parish of Walsh. It was during this time he learned about STAA.

Sarnowski wasn't always in a position to help others financially. He came from humble beginnings, made more difficult when his father had a heart attack and was unable to work, and eventually died when Sarnowski was 15.

At the age of 18, Sarnowski started working in a factory; putting to good use the strong work ethic his parents instilled in him. "My father taught me to do everything perfectly and my mother taught me to work well with people." Utilizing this work ethic, Sarnowski worked his way up the corporate ladder—from stock base attendant, to manager, to CEO and President of the company.

In 1958 Sarnowski met his wife, whom he married in 1960. They have been married 48 years, have

four children, and 13 grandchildren. When Sarnowski visits the high school, his wife often accompanies him, and he credits her with much of his success.

Presently, Sarnowski is actively involved in his parish as a religious education teacher and as a member of the school board's fundraising committee.

Sarnowski likes to check in from time to time to see how STAA is doing, and when his health permits, to visit the students who are benefiting from his generosity. This year he is helping four students with partial tuition.

He is definitely part of the miracle of STAA. Sarnowski is an excellent role model and is someone who has a strong belief in the benefits of Catholic education. We share his story in the hope that his generosity will help others appreciate all that STAA has to offer students, as well as to remember that all donations help students to receive a life-long faith-filled quality education.

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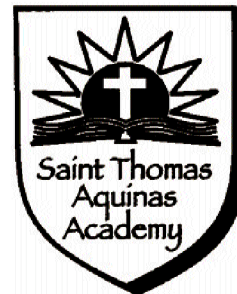
- ___ I am pleased to support STAA with a gift of \$ _____. This gift will be designated for the greatest need unless specified otherwise.
- ___ Enclosed is my first contribution of \$ _____. With _____ installments over the next ___1___2___3 years.
- ___ I have already remembered STAA in my will, life insurance, annuity or trust. Please see the enclosed referenced information.
- ___ Tuition Assistance Fund gift of \$ _____
- ___ Angel Donor for a specific student or family in need. *We will contact you to set up the details

Name _____

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Phone _____ E-mail _____



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*Please make check payable to: STAA
St. Thomas Aquinas Academy
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