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St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

*“We cultivate a very small field for Christ, but we love it, knowing that
God does not require great achievements
but a heart that holds back nothing for self...”*

Dear Students and Parents,

Praise be Jesus Christ! Today’s saint is Rose Philippine Duchesne who was born in Grenoble, France. She founded the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi. The dominant feature of her temperament was a strong and dauntless will, which became the material and the battlefield of her holiness. Divine grace channeled her iron will and determination into humility and selflessness. We should be drawn to that same determination to follow the will of God and remain strong in times of trial knowing that God’s strength is our refuge.

This week a Social Gathering was held to “kick-off” our Annual Giving Campaign. Although the intention was an innocent acknowledgement of those who have contributed in the past to the campaign, it was quickly learned that many were offended and felt overlooked. This for me was a personal experience of great humility. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all our supporters of Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy. Steps have been taken to make sure that this type of oversight does not happen again. Thank you’s are never enough for all the good that this community has brought to our school over the years. Many souls sacrifice dauntless hours of time, energy and treasure to support our many fundraisers and our students. Please know that in the deepest part of my heart, I have been edified by your faithfulness to our school and your continued confidence in our mission. Thanksgiving rounds the corner for us and I wish for all of our students, families and supporters to have a blessed holiday surrounded with family & friends and the loving presence of God. Due to the holiday next week, I will not be issuing a President’s Letter.

Today we received 7th & 8th graders to our school for a “Step-Up”. Ms. Kyllonen and the Student Ambassadors will hard to make this time a fruitful experience. I was happy to meet with them and enjoyed our conversations. Last night our MCC/STAA Task Force met and recommended a plan to present to the Bishops for our continuing efforts to collaborate for Catholic Education in the Tri-City area. Any updates from the Bishops will be communicated. However, please be aware that Mr. Dan Paul, Administrator for MCC, and myself have been actively working together to blend our efforts for Catholic Day School. We are currently working on a District Science Fair and a combined 8th grade trip. Other activities have been taking place with sports as well. MCC is extending an invitation for their Snowshoe Club. Contact Mr. Paul for more information at (906) 863-3190.

A retreat has been scheduled for the 3th, 4th, 5th and 6th, 7th, 8th grades for December 21st. Spiritus will be leading this retreat that will be separated into half day sessions for each group. Plans for class liturgies at the Marinette Campus are underway. We continue to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday. Our next day of Adoration will be on December 4th. Please invite people to come and pray with us.

May the Peace of Christ be with you and your family. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!

I remain yours,
Joyful in the service of Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer A. Elfering
President of Systems