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Dear Alumni of St. Therese School,

I'm glad you were able to revisit this place of your youth, and hope it has provided an opportunity to reminisce and reconnect with a few familiar faces. As a parish, we too want to remember our past as we journey into our future.

I'm sure the faces of the parish have undoubtedly changed over the years, but Jesus remains the face of the parish, and desires to provide hope in a world seeking good news. In 1927, the parish was founded by German immigrants, and today is a beautiful blend of many cultures, including representation from German, Irish, and other European descent, as well as a Micronesian community, and a large Hispanic population.

The campus has served us well for the past 90+ years. We are now completing a building project which will help serve this faith community for the next 90+ years, including renovating the three convent floors for prayer, study, fellowship, youth ministry, and retreats; constructing a new gathering space, complete with handicap accessibility, restrooms, and hospitality for weekend fellowship, weddings, funerals, and special parish events; and providing air conditioning for our church. In total we need to raise approximately \$650,000 yet to reach our goal. Will you consider helping us?

As the priest, I know that one day I will pass on from this world, but God will remain here, and so we seek to serve the beautiful people of this place so that the faith can continue to be passed on from one generation to the next, and the light of Christ can continue to shine and provide hope in a world that sometimes seems dark.

As you reflect on your past with gratitude to God this day, I humbly ask you to consider making a gift to support our parish's future.

- Perhaps you would like to sponsor a classroom in our renovated convent? (as an individual family, or together as a graduating class) - \$10,000
- Maybe you have a loved one who passed away, and you would like to have their name engraved on a paver stone in our new courtyard? (perhaps a friend who went to school here, or parents or grandparents who were married here) - \$5,000
- We also have a beautiful framed portrait of our dear patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux, which is given as a small token of appreciation for benefactors of this giving level - \$2,500
- **St. Therese says, "We can all do small things with great love." In truth, even \$1 is a beautiful gift, if given with love.**



Children from St. Therese dressed up for All Saints Day

Again, I thank you for being with us today, and for helping us to remember our past, as we journey into the future. I hope it was special for you, as you remembered part of your past which helped you to become the person you are today.

May God bless you always!

Father Ryan