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## SACRED HEART ACADEMY FOUNDATION, INC.

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Dear Friend of Sacred Heart Academy:

Sacred Heart Academy is truly in a class of its own. Of the 220 Catholic schools in Michigan, 10 of them (less than 5 percent) feature DK through 12 programs. Within this elite group, only two others are single-parish schools and only a handful offer a one-campus concept. Sacred Heart is blessed with all these benefits.

With Foundation support, SHA continues to thrive in the competitive and costly world of education, providing a faith-filled, disciplined educational environment rooted in Catholic values. SHA is proud to graduate its students to higher education. In recent years, 97 percent or more of each class went on to college. All SHA students participate in service learning, logging 100 hours or more before graduation, which helps them become more caring and involved citizens in their communities. Sacred Heart frequently has national merit students and students always score well above the state average on the ACT. More than 98 percent participate in extra-curricular activities. These statistics prove once again that SHA is in a class of its own.

As President of the SHA Foundation, it is my privilege to ask you to make an investment in our endowment. The Foundation was established in 1976 to provide financial support to the school. The Foundation contributed more than \$350,000 to the Academy in 2015-16, and has given over \$4 million since its inception, with our stated purpose being to support the mission of the school. This past year the Foundation also supported the new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Initiative at SHA, and paid out scholarships from the designated funds within the endowment.

In 2016, as the SHA Foundation celebrates its 40-year anniversary, we are specifically focused on boosting the endowment for the purpose of ensuring competitive salaries for our teachers. I am sure you remember your favorite SHA teacher. My favorite teacher was Sister Euphemia. In her memory, and in honor of all she taught me, I am happy to make a donation which specifically helps our current Academy teachers, and, in turn, the students.

Please join me in making a tax-deductible contribution. The SHA Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization worthy of your support. Please review the materials available here on the web site, contact me directly, or reach out to Development Director Connie McCann for additional information.

Thank you for your continued support. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Bill Myler, Jr. SHA'76 President Sacred Heart Academy Foundation