



St. Raymond School

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Dear St. Raymond School Family,

We know without question that all of you, as school families, appreciate our devoted faculty and staff. Through their careful guidance, our children are encouraged to develop in the spirit of Christ. It is also no secret that the teachers at St. Raymond and in the parochial system earn substantially less than their public school counterparts. They make this sacrifice because of their dedication to Catholic education and academic excellence. Our children are receiving an excellent education, both academically and spiritually.

With this in mind, the School Advisory Commission will again collect donations for the Teacher Appreciation Fund. We've had tremendous success since the inception of the fund eleven years ago. Last year, more than half of the school families participated for a total of approximately \$24,000. These gifts, in addition to \$3,000 given by the Rev. Robert J. Loftus Endowment and Scholarship Fund and \$2,000 given by the Athletic Association, were distributed to the faculty and staff at their Christmas Party.

Keep in mind that each student at St. Raymond may be served by an average of 10 faculty and staff members each week—homeroom teacher, computer, library, gym, art, accelerated learning, resource, nurse, secretaries, assistant principal and principal, to name a few. We are blessed to have each and every one of them and the fund acknowledges their commitment to St. Raymond School.

We ask you to consider contributing to the Teacher Appreciation Fund. Your donation is intended to replace a Christmas gift and all other teacher appreciation requests, with the exception of the \$1 donation for your teacher's birthday. The Family and School Association's Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in January is funded separately from these donations.

Please consider a donation of any size. Your donation can be made by cash, check, automatic debit, debit/credit credit card (via Payment Portal/Buy Now Give Now). **Please see the donation details on the other side of this letter.** All contributions are truly appreciated and we thank you in advance for your generosity. Please know that 100% of your donation is given to faculty and staff. Please return your donation by Tuesday, December 1st.

In Christ,

St. Raymond School Advisory Commission

Joel Barbel

Rich Casey

Kara Coleman

Sue Schram

Julie Smithe

Joshua Vernoski

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See back of this letter for donation details

2015 Teacher Appreciation Fund Donation

All donations will be kept strictly confidential. Donations can be made by cash, check, automatic debit, debit and credit card. Please return your donation by Tuesday, December 1st.

A confirmation of your donation will be included on your year-end church statement. Please check with your employer to see if your contribution qualifies for a company match. St. Raymond de Penafort is a nonprofit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by IRS rules. No goods or services were provided to you in exchange for your donation.

For Debit or Credit Card Contributions:

To donate by automatic debit, debit or credit card, please use our on-line payment system **Buy Now Give Now**. The event name is Teacher Appreciation Fund. The link is located on the St. Raymond School Website under the tab "Payment Portal": wall.st-raymond.org/school

Any questions with Buy Now Give Now payments, please contact Roberta Nichols at 847-253-8600 x121 or Roberta.Nichols@st-raymond.org.

For Smart Tuition Contributions:

If you contributed through Smart Tuition, a separate letter will be attached to this Teacher Appreciation Letter. For questions, please check Smart Tuition account at www.smarttuition.com

For Cash or Check Contributions:

Please return this part of the form with your contribution to Mr. Jack Loehr, St. Raymond Parish. Please make checks payable to St. Raymond School.

Family Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ I am able to give \$100.00 (about \$10 per teacher) to the St. Raymond Teacher Appreciation Fund.

_____ I am able to give \$200.00 (about \$20 per teacher) to the St. Raymond Teacher Appreciation Fund.

_____ I am able to give \$_____ to the St. Raymond Teacher Appreciation Fund.