

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend is a very special one for our Saint Anthony family. We are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Saint Anthony Catholic School.

One hundred years is much more than a number. It represents generations of children, families, teachers, priests, staff, and parishioners who have been part of a beautiful story of faith and education. For a century, our school has sought not only to educate young minds, but also to form young hearts—to help children grow in knowledge, character, faith, and love of God.

This Sunday's Gospel gives us a beautiful and challenging message: we are called to forgive as we ourselves have been forgiven. Peter asks Jesus, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?" Jesus responds, "Not seven times but seventy-seven times."

Forgiveness is at the heart of the Christian life. We have received an immeasurable gift of mercy from God, and Jesus teaches us that we cannot keep that mercy for ourselves. We are called to extend it to one another.

In many ways, this is also an important message for a school and a parish community. We are a family. And every family has its joys, its challenges, its misunderstandings, and its moments when we need to say, "I am sorry," or "I forgive you."

For 100 years, Saint Anthony Catholic School has been more than a building or an institution. It has been a family of faith. Children have come through these doors, learned, played, prayed, formed friendships, discovered their gifts, and encountered Christ. Many of them have gone on to become parents, teachers, professionals, religious, and leaders in our community. Their lives are part of the legacy of Saint Anthony.

And now, as we celebrate this centennial, we are not simply looking backward with gratitude. We are looking forward with hope. The same God who has accompanied Saint Anthony for the past 100 years is inviting us to continue writing this story together.

I am especially grateful to all those who have made our school what it is today: our former pastors, principals, teachers and staff, our parents and families, our benefactors, and all the parishioners who have supported Catholic education throughout the years.

Today, we give thanks for the past, we celebrate the present, and we entrust the future to God.

May Saint Anthony Catholic School continue to be a place where children grow in wisdom and grace, where they discover the beauty of their Catholic faith, and where they learn not only how to succeed in life, but how to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

And may our parish community continue to be a place where forgiveness, mercy, generosity, and love are not simply words, but a way of life.

Happy 100th Anniversary, Saint Anthony Catholic School!

May God bless you all,
Fr. Rolando