



*In the Tradition of  
the Franciscan Fathers and  
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# Saint Mary's High School

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Dear Families and Friends,

## Planning for the Future

**"Where there is no vision, the people perish . . ." Proverbs 29:18**

This exhortation from Proverbs is one of a number of biblical wisdoms equally applicable to both individuals and institutions seeking to find God's will in an often hectic world. Vision is not some ability to predict the future; vision is more like a plan to shape the future and serve as a guide, with clearly-stated, hoped-for results.

Saint Mary's has begun the process of shaping its vision for the future through formation of a committee to establish a Pastoral Plan (formerly known as a "Strategic Plan") in support of our already established School Improvement Plan that was developed through our most recent accreditation process (February, 2009). Each Pastoral Plan is composed of a set of goals and specific Action Plans to be achieved within a 5-year time frame. Like any plan for improvement, honest assessments of strengths and areas for growth is an essential first step. The Pastoral Plan Committee had its initial meeting on Saturday, February 20 and worked through that first step. The committee will meet again in late March to work on the next steps that will include prioritization of the strengths and areas for growth and a review our school Mission Statement. Members of the Committee are:

Suzanne Fessler, Principal  
Rob Rogers, Assistant Principal  
Liz Hansen, Director of Finance  
Karen Mankoski, Executive Director of Scholarship & Benefits Fund  
Sr. John Paul Maher, O.P., Faculty  
Sam Salts, Faculty  
Jeff Glenn, President of Advisory Board  
Vernon Speshock, Member of Advisory Board  
Cynthia Zapien-Pineda, Member of Advisory Board  
Kurt Schuler, Member of Advisory Board

Please keep this committee in your prayers. Again, this is a 5-year plan. Members of this committee are committed to the work ahead and dedicated to Catholic Education and the Spirit, Tradition, and Families of Saint Mary's High School.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Suzanne M. Fessler  
Principal