

## *A Catholic Education is an Advantage for Life*

I'm often asked "Why do you send your kids to St. Mike's?" – It's an easy question to answer. There is a quote on the school's website that says: "Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in the classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students."

This is so apparent to anyone who is paying attention and most of us don't need any reminder beyond talking to our kids about how their day went, attending a first Friday mass, or attending any other activity and being totally immersed in the spirit of the place. Those of us who have older children who have gone on to success academically, and are turning out to be the type of people that we always hoped our children would be, need no reminders of St. Mike's role in their growth. Their proud participation in our Catholic faith is the highest measure of success.

Academically, I have a child who could be classified as an academic achiever. She was inspired to excellence by St. Mike's, ranked high in her class in high school and is doing well at one of the best colleges in the US. I have other children to whom academics don't come so easily. They have likewise been inspired. They all enjoy school and know how to work hard. Enjoying what you do and working hard at it are the two critical qualities for success in any field. Our one remaining child at St. Mike's comes home happy and inspired every day.

Rose and I are reminded how correct our decision to choose St. Mike's was for our family by all five of our children every day.

*As I said, easy question. Easy answer.*

*by Jim Connolly, Parent*

