



*Inspiring Achievement; Instilling Faith*

June 6, 2022

Dear parents and friends of St. Ann's Academy and its legacy, St. Ann School.



There are at least three items of good news that we'd like to share with you.

- St. Ann's Academy is preparing for its 11<sup>th</sup> year of Catholic education in Hornell 😊
- We have achieved a major milestone recently. SAA has been approved for a Permanent (or Absolute) Charter by NY's Dept. of Education and the Board of Regents. 😊
- Our wonderful teachers have done a phenomenal job teaching the last three years despite COVID.

Even though we are very grateful for this progress, there always seems to be something new to watch out for. Costs are escalating! Inflation is having a significant impact on our budget projections for next year. Many operating expenses are going up already, but one thing that the Board of Directors especially wants to do is insulate our teachers from worry, so they can focus on the kids. To have the best and most caring teachers, we need to pay enough to keep up with rising costs.

Hector Hoyos, one of our Board Members, and the father of two St. Ann's School graduates, has come up with a solution. He has organized a raffle, one with a big prize. We decided upon a pair of two Electric Hybrid Bikes, which together retail for over \$2,400. We are able to do this with the financial support of graduates of the former St. Ann's School. St. Ann's Academy is very grateful to **Regina Gambino, Howard Hanna Real Estate Services** and **Brian and Jill May, Valley Apparel and Designs**, who have volunteered to sponsor this event. Please support their businesses.

We are reaching out to all of you for your support in passing along information about this great prize to your families, grown children, and friends, and in sending them information on purchasing tickets. Detailed information and instructions for purchasing tickets are enclosed.

If you prefer to just send a donation, that would also be wonderful, and we would be grateful for any amount you would like to contribute toward this project. Checks can be made out to: St. Ann's Academy, P.O. 446, Hornell, NY 14843. Add "E-bike Project" to a note or on the check.

You will continue to be in the prayers of the Board, teachers, staff and students of St. Ann's Academy.

May God's special blessings be with all of you.

Sincerely,

Sister Dolores Ann Stein  
Secretary, SAA Board of Directors

Jerome S. O'Connor  
President, SAA Board of Directors