



Let me begin by saying that I am honored to be named president of All Saints Academy and that I will work diligently in making our school a success. I bring 20 years experience in Catholic education, the last 5 of which I served as principal at the Lab School. I see working in Catholic education as not a career but as a vocation.

My vocation in Catholic education can be summed up simply by saying that I serve God by serving his children. I am inspired when I see in a child's eye that "aha" moment. But even more inspiring is when I see a child who goes out of their way to be kind to another because it is the right thing to do. I believe Catholic education not only strives to meet the academic, physical, and emotional needs of students but also the spiritual, an important component of the 'whole' person. Moral development is critical in today's culture. Daily teachings of the gospel message of Christ are the core of our Catholic schools. Through these teachings students begin to understand that our purpose is to reach out to others with love and compassion.

The staff of All Saints Academy also is committed to Catholic education as evident in the mission statement they helped develop. Our mission is **to deliver an academically excellent, Catholic education that develops the whole person and inspires a Christ-centered life in a global community.** An exemplary elementary education will be the foundation upon which future academic success will be built. Knowledge will open doors to many opportunities in your child's life while Christian moral fortitude will provide the guide to good decisions. We pledge to provide your child with a breadth and depth of education that reflects our mission and these beliefs.

Beyond the mission, the staff at All Saints Academy developed core values that will guide all we do. Our students will be taught to **care deeply, share generously, and serve willingly.** It is one thing to conceptualize the teachings of Christ and another to live it. By living out these core values in our daily school activities, students will begin to understand what it means to pay witness to Christ's teachings.

It truly takes a community to raise children today. That is why I ask for your support as work continues on All Saints Academy. Together we will make our school the premier elementary school in the St. Cloud area. You will receive regular communication regarding registration, tuition and fees, scholarships and financial aid, student policies and so forth. Along with me, the Board, administrative team and faculty ask for your prayers and faith in us as we continue to create All Saints Academy.

God Bless,
Karl Terhaar, President of All Saints Academy

At the top you will notice All Saints Academy's logo and tag line. The logo is a flame from a candle with rays of light coming from it. The rays also give the feel of an open book. The three pieces of the flame represent the coming together of three great schools into one. The tag line, "where Spirit meets education" refers to our real differentiator from public schools where we include spiritually. We develop the "whole" student, mind, body and Spirit. Fr. Alan commented that "It is the spirit within us that makes us holy, and it's that attentiveness to that spirit by which we become saints." We are here to do God's will on Earth, and we are instilling that in young people.

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