



December 1, 2011

Dear Lakewood Catholic Academy Families, Friends and Supporters:

I am writing to let you know that my term as President of the LCA Board of Directors, and my service on the Board, comes to an end as of December 31, 2011. I want to thank the LCA administration, faculty and staff, the pastors, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, and my fellow board members for all of their tireless work and effort to make LCA such a special place. I also want to especially thank all of you for the support you have given the school and me these past years. I know I have said it before, but I truly mean it – LCA would not be where it is today without the tremendous community that serves as its foundation.

I am extremely proud of the accomplishments we have achieved. We have steadied and increased enrollment. We have stabilized our finances and developed strategies for future fiscal strength. We have improved our facility and campus. We have advanced our technology. We have instituted cutting edge curriculum. We have established a safe, spiritual environment that focuses on the Christian message of service to others. We have truly become a model of what the next generation of Catholic elementary education can be for our children. The “We” is everyone who has become a part of the LCA family.

I am also very excited about, and confident in, LCA’s bright future. Our administration is not resting on the achievements of today. Rather, we continue to pursue a strong vision of what excellence in Catholic education should be. We continue to strive to provide the best quality education and spiritual development for all who seek such instruction.

To that end, I am pleased to introduce the following individuals who will serve as the next officers of LCA’s Board of Directors:

Chris Johnson – President  
Kathy Laino – Vice-President  
Andy Strada – Treasurer

Tim McGuire – Vice Treasurer  
Jenni Baker – Secretary

You will be hearing from Chris early next year, but here is a little background. Chris is a Vice President in Investment Banking (Public Finance/Economic Development Group) at Fifth Third Securities Inc. Chris and his wife, Jane, are members of St. Luke Parish. Their daughter, Elizabeth, was a member of the last eighth grade class that graduated from St. Luke School and their son, Owen, is a graduate of Lakewood Catholic Academy’s second graduating class. Chris has served on the LCA Board since 2009, currently chairs the Development Committee, and was previously involved in the school merger process and the establishment of LCA.

I know that you will give Chris, and the other officers and Board members, the same enthusiastic support you have given me these past years.

Thank you again and I hope you and your families have a blessed Christmas. May God continue to bless Lakewood Catholic Academy and all of you.

Michael E. Smith  
President, LCA Board of Directors