



# Holy Family School

## A Regional Catholic School

St. Mary's Catholic School  
1901-1979

Our Lady, Queen of the Universe School  
1967-1980

St. Joseph's Catholic School  
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November 20, 2007

Dear Holy Family School family and friends:

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Holy Family School treasures its rich tradition. Holy Family, the oldest Catholic School in North Alabama, was established when St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Parish schools were merged in 1979 to provide Catholic Education to Huntsville and the surrounding areas. Our Lady, Queen of the Universe School joined the following year. St. Mary's was founded in 1901 as the parish school for Church of the Visitation. St. Joseph's School was founded in 1956 by the Society of the Divine Savior as a mission school. Through these many years we have offered an exceptional education to area children regardless of color, social status, gender or religion in a Christ-centered environment. We not only offer a thorough core education of "Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic" but also a rich variety of specials including art, music, physical education, and health.

As alumni, family, and friends you understand the importance of continuing this tradition for generations to come. The commitment of our administration, staff and faculty, the dedication of our volunteers and our parents and the involvement of our community provide evidence of the importance of a Catholic Education for our children. We would not be where we are today without the commitment of so many, year after year.

Holy Family School continues to shine with accomplishments. Through high standardized test scores, excellent performance in high school and college and most importantly, through excellent performance in life, the value of a Holy Family School education is constantly reinforced. This past year was no exception with many of our students excelling in state and national competitions. From the Religion Scholars Bowl to the National Geography Bee, from various Math and Essay competitions to our Regional Champion Science Olympiad team, our students excelled, all the while enjoying the benefits of learning and growing in a warm and supportive Christian environment.

Thanks to your generous support, last year's Annual Appeal campaign was a huge success. We exceeded our goal of \$25,000 by raising \$26,915. Thirty six students are benefiting from a Catholic education this year at Holy Family School through partial scholarships directly because of your contributions. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive community and our students are blessed by your unfailing generosity.

This year will once again be filled with exciting, as well as challenging, moments for students, parents and friends alike. As always, the Holy Family "family" will act with one accord to continue the Catholic education tradition started in Huntsville long ago. We hope you will continue to be a part of that long tradition by contributing again to the Annual Appeal for this year.

From the Holy Family School family, thank you and may God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

  
Melanie Coakley

PS. You are also invited to attend the student's wonderful Christmas Program held on the Holy Family School campus in the Messmer Hall on December the 13th at 6:30 p.m.

**"Where Every Child is a Gift"**