“If you build it, they will come”
*By Mike Schabert, Principal*

A few weeks ago I watched one of my favorite movies again, “Field of Dreams.” This film challenges the audience to look beyond our human obstacles and invites each of us to dream about the possibilities. One of the most famous lines from the film is “If you build it, they will come.” This phrase had new meaning for me as I completed the first year as Principal.

Over the last few years St. Anthony High School has been “rebuilt” with the support of Gina Rushing Maguire, SAHS President, former administration, alumni, community leaders, and the SAHS Foundation and Advisory Council. It is because of this good work that I have had the honor and privilege to reach out into the community and remind everyone of our “Field of Dreams” in downtown Long Beach. We have built it and they have come.

This year we welcomed the largest freshman class in 10 years and our school has grown in enrollment 30% in just one year, despite the worst economic crisis our country has faced since the great depression. Next year we anticipate our growth to continue welcoming our largest freshman class in 20 years.

This growth has not been easy as now, more than ever, our students and families are relying on the entire St. Anthony High School community to help support them. In response to the economic crisis, instead of increasing tuition, we actually increased our financial aid to needy families to help minimize the impact of these tough times and to help keep students in a Catholic school. We are grateful to so many for maintaining their support and for those who even increased their donations to join us in responding to this challenge.

In the midst of this we have realized some of our dreams. Last year SAHS won the Divisional Championship in the Southern California Private School Academic Decathlon. One of our teachers was named a Top Ten Teacher in Long Beach by LBPost.com. We are blessed with an incredible staff of educators. With your support we purchased 400 new desks and made many other improvements highlighted in this newsletter.

Please be assured of our gratitude and our commitment to continue “building” St. Anthony High School and, with your continued support, they will come.
As we celebrate the birth of Christ, believing in our hearts that Mary’s child is the Son of God our Savior, we are reminded of the great power of **BELIEF**. It can truly change the world. It has changed St. Anthony High School. Because of the power of belief, St. Anthony’s has an amazing story to share, and it just gets better and better.

This year offered many landmarks for celebration with a line-up of successes that surpassed expectations. There’s no question that there were many challenges, from a down economy and increasing expenses to salary freezes, staff reorganization and aging facilities needing maintenance. But while many schools struggled with the same issues, and many Catholic schools faced declining enrollment, St. Anthony’s met all challenges and excelled. We balanced our budget and paid our debts on time. Our faculty grew to accommodate our expanding programs and curriculum, and—best of all—enrollment grew by 30% in a single year. Wow.

None of this story could be told today without your continuing loyalty and **BELIEF** in St. Anthony High School over the past year and beyond. Your generosity just this year enabled us to:

- Provide more than $400,000 in financial aid to students who would not be able to attend SAHS without assistance
- Implement a new web site with online registration for new students and online donations and registration for events
- Train 33 President’s Ambassadors as leaders and spokespersons for their high school
- Field a full complement of team sports for both boys and girls with great competitive success
- Further develop the new Marine Science Program in partnership with the Aquarium of the Pacific, with extra funding from the Ahmanson Foundation and the Long Beach Community Foundation
- Support a winning Academic Decathlon Team acknowledged by Mayor Bob Foster in Long Beach City Council Chambers
- Dedicate a new Gymnasium floor as “Darrick Martin Court”
- Host a highly successful 26th Annual Monsignor Gualderon Golf Tournament
- Build a new Biology Lab in the Basement of the B Building
- Repaint 10 Classrooms in the B Building
- Host the Darrick Martin Basketball & Books Camp for 150 young persons, aged 7 through 17
- Install two more Smart Boards with ceiling mounted projectors to support student learning
- Install school management software system that supports student records, transcripts, and scheduling and better connects parents, students, teachers and staff through the Internet
- Expand the Arts to include additional music classes and formation of a Drum Corps, along with establishment of a Drama Program with two student theater productions this year

One of the most enjoyable parts of my ministry at St. Anthony’s is my ability to connect with alums and the honor I feel just knowing you. On the Alumni front, I am proud to report that more reunions were hosted this year than ever before. This is a real testimony to our shared tradition and values, an indicator that not only is St. Anthony’s growing and campus life thriving, but there is increasing richness and depth of connection among our alums.

Principal Mike Schabert and I are continually inspired by all of you. We want to especially thank a few alums whose leadership has made a difference this year: Pat O’Shea Kelly, Class of 1951, Alumni Director; Frank Kaspar, Class of 1947, outgoing Foundation President; Marian Lowry Banning, Class of 1961, incoming Foundation President; and Marlene Wynne Moncure, Class of 1966, SAHS Advisory Council Chair. We also want to thank Fr. Jose Magana, Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, for his continuous spiritual leadership. These individuals demonstrate unfailing **BELIEF** in the future of St. Anthony High School, and they are a source of support for our school and its students each day. Thank you!

In 2010, St. Anthony High School will celebrate its 90th Anniversary as a “**tower of truth, a guide for youth, a beacon for all the land.**” We’re planning a party, and you are invited. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us in the Courtyard of the high school on Saturday, October 23, 2010. A full harvest moon is scheduled for your enjoyment, but I suspect the best part of this gathering will be the joy and jubilation we experience as we come together to celebrate our shared tradition and excitement for the future.

St. Anthony High School is reaping a bountiful harvest through the labor and love of its graduates and friends and an ever-expanding network throughout this community. In all times and seasons, your unfailing generosity enables St. Anthony High School to thrive and prosper.

Truly, our spirits are refreshed each day by this remarkable support. Our **BELIEF** is continually renewed by your extraordinary generosity and the loyalty of so many who care so much about the mission and future of Long Beach’s one and only Catholic high school.

Many blessings to you and yours, this Christmas season.
Saints—’51
by Pat O’Shea Kelly, ’51
In the day, we were SAHS Girls’ School and SAHS Boy’s School. Meeting recently at Schooner or Later to plan the upcoming Solvang Sojourn, Sept 13-16, 2009, classmates posed for photos of The Guys and The Girls. Since our 50-year Reunion, held in Palm Springs eight years ago, we’ve been meeting annually for 4-day gatherings—growing in meaning every year.

Class Captains Communicate and Connect
Thanks to all our active Alumni Class Captains! Many have been on board for the past five years, outreaching classmates to keep them informed of SAHS events, programs, reunions, campaigns and needs. Your ongoing participation is gratefully appreciated! Presently we are seeking to fill remaining Class leadership slots with interested, enthusiastic alums who will serve as Alumni Class Captains for their respective classes. Many are already in touch and contacting classmates on an informal basis regularly. Now we’re asking you to join us in building an extensive e-mail alumni network to facilitate speedy communication with our awesome SAINTS’ Alumni.

Being an Alumni Class Captain involves minimal commitment, resulting in maximum alumni participation. Class Captains maintain an e-mail distribution list for their class, stay in touch, share information to encourage participation and opportunities to become involved with events, fundraising, campus projects, mentoring or planning for the 90th Anniversary celebration in 2010. Benefits include the opportunity to give back to our Alma Mater, staying in touch through Class Captain Mixers and reconnecting with classmates and alums from other years.

Please contact Pat O'Shea Kelly if you are interested in serving as a Class Captain for your class. Your leadership and contribution will make a great difference to our entire school community. (Pat O'Shea Kelly: 562-308-6259, patkellyo@aol.com) GO SAINTS!

Congressman and Alumnus Dan Lungren pictured here with our new Director of Development, Liz Brennan, in Washington, D.C. during her summer Congressional nomination to the Library of Congress.
The miracle of St. Anthony

Frannie Roberts attended Fremont Elementary and Rogers Middle School, two relatively small public campuses with high test scores. But the size of the high schools she considered for freshman year gave her pause.

"I thought I could get lost at Wilson or Poly," the Schmit Heights resident recalls. Instead Roberts selected St. Anthony High School, where she made the softball team, started a tennis club and became a campus ambassador.

"The school's really welcoming," says the 15-year-old honor student, now a sophomore. "It's like family." The family is growing. Despite the recession, freshman enrollment increased 75 percent to 108 students this year. The overall student body grew 30 percent to 315 in the same period.

Part of the school's charm is "it's older. It's got character," says grad and ex-Councilman Frank Colonna.

Though dwarfed by public schools, the numbers are meaningful at St. Anthony, where enrollment dwindled to 185 in 2001, sparking fears that Long Beach's only coed Catholic high school could close.

But a new administration, an aggressive advisory board and loyal alumni reversed the trend, hosting "Socially and Spiritually Enriched" events. And the annual alumni auction has grown from a few items to many, all to raise funds for the school.

Almost written off as dead in 2001, iconic Long Beach school is on rebound
St. Anthony President Gina Rushing Maguire, left, and her husband Mike Schabert are given credit with helping boost enrollment.

"Mike Schabert, the principal, is really dedicated to improving the school. He's a no-nonsense, hands-on guy who is working very, very hard, so all people do, but he seems to have an exceptional desire to really put St. Anthony's back in the main-stream," former Long Beach City Councilman Frank Costanza, who served from 1987 to 1995, said.

Some people are looking toward the security of their youth getting an education through a private school, with a bit of a religious bent," Costanza said. "People just don't want that anymore, that there is a discipline in the school, the responsibility that is imparted to the students, a certain type of camaraderie that is ingrained in the students and teachers who care about them.

When he joined St. Anthony in 2006, Principal Schabert recognized the need for a new Catholic primary school and community. He sought a curriculum that would meet the University of California's requirements. He also wanted to create a new school that would attract students from the area.

"Kids involved" "We appreciate the fact that it's a Catholic high school," says Maryneau Nefene, principal of the school. "Our students were good enough as well and let her daughter decide which school to attend."
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*December 1, 2008 through November 3, 2009*

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- **Class Scholarship Fund**
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- **Class Scholarship Fund**
- **Sports**
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**Donations—Net Revenue**

*November 1, 2008 through November 1, 2009*

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SAVE THE DATE—OCTOBER 23, 2010

Attention all SAINTS!! We will gather to celebrate St. Anthony High School’s 90th Anniversary on Saturday October 23, 2010. Please post this date on your calendars and plan to join us for an all-school reunion celebration.

We are currently accepting applications for HALL OF FAME nominees to be inducted at the 90th Anniversary celebration. If you know of a Saint who has excelled in any of the areas below and should be considered for the SAHS HALL OF FAME, please contact Jim Sherrin at 562-631-5292 or email jim.sherrin@bp.com for an application.

- Service to School
- Excellence in area of endeavor
- Service to Church
- Service to Community
- A role model for students

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Contact Class Captain, Jim Sartain, jsartain@socal.rr.com for reunion committee contacts

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Contact Class Captain, Mary Donovan, sah.1960maryalicewynne@yahoo.com

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Contact Charmaine (Vierra) Smith, csmithphr@msn.com / SA40thReunion70@msn.com • 714-713-4743

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Contact Class Captain, Ed Lamoureaux, ell@bumail.bradley.edu

Dates To Remember

Graduation
June 5, 2010—10:00 a.m.
Jack Errion Memorial Gymnasium

Annual Golf Tournament
June 21, 2010
Recreation Park Golf Course

90th Anniversary Celebration
October 23, 2010
Courtyard of St. Anthony High School

Check out the SAHS website for a full calendar of sports and program activities at www.LongBeachSaints.org

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