

Dear Parents,

As teacher appreciation week draws to a close, we want to say thank you again to our fabulous teachers and staff for all that they have done for our kids during these trying times. Yesterday, the PTO honored our teachers with a big thank you sign on the corner of Hill & Cordova, as well as a gift of a sweet treat. Our teacher appreciation lead, Erica Pegram, and one of our lead room moms, Joy Majich, were there to take photos of the teachers with the sign, and to give them a small gift as a token of our gratitude. Thank you ladies for all of your hard work honoring our teachers. I stopped by the festivities for a bit, and have to say that it was so nice to see some of our teachers and staff, even if it was from a distance. Be sure to check social media for some of those photos in the upcoming days.

Part of what makes Saint Philip the Apostle School so special is our amazing parents. The time, treasure and talent that you all pour into our school never ceases to amaze me. Each year the board of the PTO selects a few people to honor for their outstanding contributions to the school. Normally, our winners are honored at a special Mass in the days leading up to the Red Tie Ball/Bash, and then attend the event as our guest. Due to these extraordinary times we have chosen to postpone the awards ceremony until the Fall, and have invited the winners to attend the 2021 Red Tie Ball as our guest. As we kick off our Red Tie Bash "homedown" weekend, we would like to take a moment to recognize the 2020 service award winners for their service to our school.

**2020 St. Philip the Apostle School Service Award Winners:**

**Monsignor Parker Service Award**

*Commemorates an individual(s)' cumulative record of service to the school.*

**Alison Crist**

When the PTO needs someone to step up and take the lead on an event, Alison Crist is always at the top of the list. Whether it is serving as Used Uniform chair, helping the special events committee run an event, or working to bring the first ever Pumpkin Patch to St. Philip, Alison is always willing to lend a hand. Her willingness to step up and serve over the years has been a lifesaver on more than one occasion, and we can't thank her enough for always saying yes to our requests.

-----

**Elizabeth A. Mahoney Leadership Award**

*Commemorates an individual(s)' who have made an outstanding and long lasting contribution to the school by virtue of various leadership roles.*

**Kimberly Crowley**

Kimberly has a legacy of service to St. Philip's. Since her son, Will ('20) was in kindergarten, she has made it a priority to give back to our school. Kimberly has served as a room parent, Sports Booster lead, Vice President of Fundraising, and chair of the Fall Fest (by herself!) In addition, she also spent years organizing the children for the Christmas Eve Mass. We are so

grateful to her for stepping up and taking charge of so many important events over the years. You will be missed next year!

-----

### **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award**

*Honors notable volunteerism in the current year by an individual(s)' who exceeded expectations in their support to the school*

**Anabel Gonzalez Baltazar  
Cindy McCarthy**

As a relatively new parent at our school, Anabel (who is the mom of a 1st grader), has jumped into volunteering at St. Philip with both feet. She's always willing to help out where she's needed with a cheery smile and a "what can I do for you?" attitude at the drop of a hat. Her willingness to serve has been a huge help to the office this past year as she has filled in whenever they were short staffed or needed an extra set of hands.

Over the years, Cindy McCarthy has taken on many roles at the school. She's helped with PR, worked on the auction video, and has served as a Vice President of the PTO in the past. This year, we honor her for the tremendous contribution that she made to the annual report. The school has not had one in several years, but this year, she took charge and helped create a wonderful report that clearly outlines our goals and honors our donors. It was a big job and was executed beautifully.

-----

### **Legacy Award**

*This award recognizes past parents of the school who have continued their volunteerism and served as an inspiration to the school community after their children have graduated.*

**Joan Powe**

The PTO would like to thank Joan Powe, mother of Jake ('15) and Marcus ('17), for staying involved at St. Philip the Apostle School. When Joan's youngest graduated, many lamented the loss of her knowledge and expertise on how to handle Fall Fest and the Falcon Invitational. Luckily, Joan has a soft spot for our school and is always available to answer a question and impart her wisdom on how to handle these complicated events. We are so blessed to have Joan and her vast institutional knowledge in our community, as her contributions are invaluable to the PTO.

-----

Thank you to our winners for all that they do to make our school so special. We are truly blessed to have you in our community!

Parents, please be on the lookout tomorrow for the link to bid on St. Philip Exclusives and donate to the Father Joe Fund. Your past generosity has allowed our school to weather the storm of Covid-19 with relative ease. If you have the ability, we ask that you consider a donation tomorrow. If you do not have the ability to donate, please consider offering up a prayer of gratitude for our amazing Principal, teachers, staff and community. We are all truly blessed to be part of the Saint Philip the Apostle School community.

We hope you enjoy the “homedown” tomorrow.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Renee & Maria