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Reverend Joseph Ashe
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Dear Father Ashe:

Please let me thank you for your continued support of St. John School in Old Saybrook. Through a number of parent-driven fundraising efforts, St. John School has been able to supplement its funding and provide students in the Diocese of Norwich with an outstanding Catholic education. Our parochial schools are funded through tuition, parish, and diocesan support and local fundraisers. These efforts help to maintain a high quality of education. Yet, too often our schools struggle with the needs of their physical plant and are unable to meet the changing educational needs of our children.

St. John School has announced plans for its 2008 Luxury Raffle. In 2004 and 2007, the raffle raised a total of \$160,000 which allowed the school to install a safe, modern floor in its gym/cafeteria and to replace 45 year old windows with new, energy efficient windows. You and your parishioners were instrumental in the success of the prior raffles. The proceeds of the 2008 raffle have been designated to meet a number of needs, including expanding classroom teaching budgets and a number of capital projects.

Over the next few weeks, a St. John parent will contact you to make arrangements to sell raffle tickets at your parish. They would like to sell tickets after Mass over two or more weekends between late May and the raffle drawing in early October. The parents have complete details. Please consider their request and offer your support.

With the very best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich