



**HOLY CROSS  
PARISH FAMILY**  
TOGETHER IN JESUS CHRIST SINCE 1852

November 10, 2023

Dear Holy Cross School Families and Parish Community:

We are very grateful to those of you who were able to join us for the Holy Cross Catholic School Visioning Sessions offered on October 2nd. These sessions provided those in attendance an opportunity to express their thoughts and concerns regarding the existing state of our campus and ways to address the needs that affect the current site and potential growth for our entire school and parish community. Members of both the Parish Leadership and GRACE teams were present and actively engaged in the sessions. Through careful consideration of presentations, there were definite themes that surfaced within the feedback from participants as to which priorities to address should we make any updates or improvements at all to the facility. The parish is committed to provide further information about these details during the first quarter of 2024.

Recognizing the vision and work of our founders, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross, Bay Settlement, we are committed to carrying on the tradition of excellent Catholic Education for families for many years to come. The parish owns and maintains the facility and we are incredibly grateful for this ministry that has impacted so many children. Therefore, the parish will initiate and make the decisions on what is best for the facility and be ultimately responsible for any update and funding thereof. We would like to note that updates to the facility would not impact tuition or the cost of education. While GRACE may decide to support Holy Cross' funding efforts, any funds contributed would come from existing reserves, not from an increase in tuition. This is the case for any/all school building upgrades for all GRACE Schools.

We are devoted to maintaining the tradition and commitment to the faith and Catholic education while staying apprised of our current needs and honoring the values and teachings to support this and future generations of learners. "Growing in Faith, Rooted in Tradition."

Peace and Blessings,

Abbot Gary Neville, O. Praem.  
Pastor

Kari Peterson  
Parish Member  
Parent and School Principal