

Dear Our Lady of Lourdes Alumni:

Each day of the school year, the students of Our Lady of Lourdes walk by the stone grotto on their way to class. Each day a class will stop, children in sneakers and school uniforms, to say a Hail Mary or another prayer. Sometimes individual students pause, their hands folded, to say a prayer of their own making. They might be praying about a math test, a basketball game, or for a friend who is ill.

The last few years, some of their prayers no doubt have been about their parents' job status, their family's financial well-being, and their ability to continue to attend this **school that they love**. Families have been struggling to afford their tuition bills. And the parish works hard to finance the Catholic education that is a key component of the Church's mission.

In a recent meeting about the parish's fundraising, **some of the students asked the committee to fight for their school**. They asked us to be positive, to pray and to work to help the school. It was very moving to hear their faith that their school will grow, even during these lean times.

Today we are asking our alumni to consider how Catholic education has made a difference in their lives and support the continuation of Catholic education at Lourdes. Will you answer the prayers of these children by making a donation today for one of these amounts:

- \$4,000, which is one year's tuition
- \$2,000 would provide financial aid for two disadvantaged students
- \$500 would provide religious textbooks for an entire class
- Any amount that your heart is moved to give—all donations help.

Your donation is tax-deductible. For your donation to apply to 2010, please make it by December 31. To donate today, simply click this link to donate by credit card on our secure donation website:

http://www.ololflameoffaith.com/Methods_of_Giving.html

Or print this email and send in your check or pledge to Our Lady of Lourdes, 2200 S. Logan Street, Denver, CO 80210.

Thank you for your time and consideration. May God bless you and yours abundantly during this holy season of Advent.

Sincerely,

Monsignor Peter Quang Nguyen, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish
and the Flame of Faith fundraising committee

My donation to Our Lady of Lourdes School:

Yes, I will make a donation today. My check is enclosed.

I would like to pledge a donation of: _____. Please bill me.

I would like to make multiple donations over time to build an endowment for the school. Please contact me to discuss the details. (Plans of up to 5 years are available.)

My name: _____

My address: _____

My phone number: _____