

We write to express our gratitude to St. Monica School for creating and nurturing an environment where children feel loved and valued. We have learned from your teachers and staff a greater ability to accept each student as a child of God and one, like ourselves, who is on a journey, sometimes imperfect, in finding God. We recognize St. Monica teachers and staff are committed to walking with us and our children on this journey – and we appreciate your company!

We, like many parents with whom we talk, have observed a multitude of examples where our children are encouraged to grow spiritually and live their faith through their relationships at St. Monica. We see caring letters from teachers explaining how children are provided opportunities to read, write, and discuss topics of faith, values and morality throughout the day. We experience intimate, moving prayer services where children sincerely express their love for Christ and each other. We hear of instances on the playground where children collect litter, include others in play, or challenge each other to deal more fairly with each other. Most importantly, in times of great joy and distress, St. Monica has allowed our children to openly embrace God and one another in his love.

We believe pursuing and increasing academic success is paramount to our children's ability to continue to love and defend their faith. The secular world may view academic success as primarily a ticket to wealth and prestige. However, we believe St. Monica is preparing our children to use strong, analytical minds to pursue truth, justice, compassion, and tolerance.

We do not send our children to St. Monica simply for religion class or weekly Mass. We send them to St. Monica because we believe they are given the greatest opportunity to see God in all they experience in a day. And when God is revealed to them in that which is ordinary, we believe they are most capable of seeing God as extraordinary in themselves.

Thank you again for your continued efforts to sustain and improve our unique environment.

Denise and Arthur Phillips