

# What Are Our Transfer Families Feeling?

*These are not easy times for us with more Catholic schools closing every year. Each time this happens, St. Ann is prepared to welcome those families who wish to continue providing their children an excellent Catholic education. We are St. Ann's, but we are now also St. Joseph, St. Florian, St. Lawrence O'Toole, St. Kieran, Our Lady of Knock, St. Andrew, St. Victor, Holy Ghost and many others whose students and faculty have found a new home with us. Here is what some of our most recent transfer families are saying:*

"St. Ann was one of four schools we toured. The school and parish staff was so welcoming and accommodating to us. We knew right away we had found the right school for our 8th grader. Our son has adjusted very well and we couldn't be any happier. We were fortunate to have other St. Florian families select St. Ann, which also helped with the transition to a new school. We feel that the school and parish's culturally diverse families help foster a sense of inclusion and community."

—Jesse & Sharon Terrazas

"As a former St. Florian School family, we were looking for a replica of what we had in our neighborhood Catholic school: a strong family-oriented school, strong communication with families, a place of security and safety for our children, and a welcoming environment for our entire family. We want to share that our family found this and much more at St. Ann. Our children had the best transition, and from day one they felt at home. The best part of St. Ann School is Father Bill and his connection with the students (he amazes me each Sunday and my children just love him). My children are not just happy but are thriving in their new school environment. Our family is happy to have a new place to call home."

—The Nazimek Family

"I have nothing but good things to say about St Ann. I transferred my two oldest children Andrea (8th) and Daniel (5th) from Sacred Heart. I was a little scared about my 8th grader not adjusting and it being her last year, but thank you to God and all the school staff, both adjusted very quickly and have been on the "A" honor roll both quarters. I regret not moving sooner. Since the beginning, all I have heard is very good comments about my children, and I couldn't be more grateful. Thanks to Mrs. Hall for all her help."

—Elizabeth Roa

"My children came to St. Ann in their 8th grade year because St. Florian closed. I was apprehensive and a little afraid for my children, starting a new school in 8th grade, trying to blend in with children that have been together for many years. Upon entering the school to register them, we were welcomed with open arms and treated like family. The staff was friendly and inviting, erasing any fears. When the children started school, all of my fears about feeling left out and isolated were immediately gone. The staff, teachers, and fellow students welcomed them into their St. Ann family and worked hard to make them feel at home. It's been difficult dealing with St. Florian closing and my kids only having one year left, but as far as St. Ann goes, we definitely made the right choice."

—Mark and Susan Gorny

"After St. Florian School closed, our family was a bit anxious about transferring to a new school, but coming to St. Ann School has been such a great experience! We felt immediately embraced by Mrs. Hall and her entire staff. My children love their teachers and classmates, and I can't feel more delighted. Thank you St. Ann School!"

—Karina Arceo

"From our perspective as parents, finding a school with a "community feel" like St. Florian was a key factor in our decision. The very first day we walked into St. Ann, Principal Hall was making her routine announcements, but for us it was such an amazing delivery of leadership with a dose of fun messaging for the children and staff that immediately reflected her positive character to us. Last but not least, the fact that St. Ann offers Spanish is a true blessing as we expect Axel to be a bilingual citizen, and what better way to start laying the foundation during his early education years. Thank you."

—Jesse, Jeanette & Axel Avila

"The school is great because I am learning so much and I have fun doing it!"

—Axel Avila, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade