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SAINT ELIZABETH
Convent Station, New Jersey
KNIGHTS OF SAINT ELIZABETH
2 Convent Road, Convent Station, New Jersey 07961

December 2, 2025

Dear Friend of the Academy,

We never set out thinking a Catholic high school would be part of our journey, but God clearly had other plans. That changed the moment I walked through the doors of the Academy of Saint Elizabeth with my oldest daughter, Katherine. What drew us in wasn't just the beautiful campus or strong academics—it was the girls. **The student ambassadors who guided us on our open house tour were genuine, happy, and proud of their school.** One of them—a family friend—ran up and hugged my daughter, and in that simple moment of warmth, we knew we had found something special. Katherine applied the next day.

Two years later, our daughter Elizabeth took a different path. She explored every possible option, from public to private schools, weighing each one carefully. **She felt the same draw her sister did—the feeling of belonging, of purpose, of home. She chose the Academy with full confidence in her choice.**

With two daughters now as part of the Academy community, my husband and I jumped in wholeheartedly. We knew our younger girls would likely follow, and we wanted to do our part to ensure the school remained vibrant for generations to come. We became active in the Parents' Association, joining a group of passionate families committed to supporting and strengthening the school we had all come to love.

Our time volunteering wasn't just about raising funds or planning events—it was about investing in something meaningful. The friendships we made and the memories we built are among the most cherished of our lives. One of those memories was helping create the Academy's Christmas tree lighting tradition. What began as a simple event became a powerful expression of community, especially during the pandemic. That year, families organized a Christmas car parade to bring joy to the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth next door, who had been isolated for months. Seeing their smiles from the windows as students waved and sang Christmas carols—that night captured the very heart of the Academy: faith, family, and love in action.

In time, all four of our daughters—Katherine, Elizabeth, Lauren, and Erin—made their way to the Academy. Each one grew in her own way. Each was known, challenged, supported, and loved. Each graduated not only prepared for college but grounded in faith and confident in who she is. Today, they are thriving women of purpose—and I know without a doubt that the Academy helped shape them into who they are.

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This kind of transformation does not happen by accident. It takes dedicated teachers, meaningful programs, and a faith-filled culture where young women are empowered to lead with courage, compassion, and integrity. It also takes people—people like you—who believe in this mission and are willing to invest in it.

That is why I am writing today: not to ask you to choose this school, but to ask you to support it so that more young women, like my daughters, can experience the feeling of belonging, purpose, and being at home.

Your gift to the **Elizabeth Ann Seton Fund** ensures that the Academy continues to offer academic excellence, spiritual formation, and leadership opportunities—while remaining accessible to families through scholarship and financial aid.

This year, we celebrate 165 years of serving young women. I invite you to consider joining the **Founders' Circle** with a gift of **$1,860 in honor of our founding year, 1860.** Thanks to the generosity of the **Knights of Saint Elizabeth**, the first **65 Founders' Circle gifts will receive a $1,000 match**, increasing the total impact of your gift to **$2,860** for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Fund.

Your generosity will also be recognized in a meaningful way. **Founders' Circle donors are listed on the new donor wall** in the Academy's historic Study Hall—an enduring tribute to your commitment to our mission and to the young women who fill these halls—yesterday, today, and for generations to come.

Every gift matters, and every gift—no matter the amount—makes a difference. But if you are able, I hope you will join me in giving boldly.

If the Academy of Saint Elizabeth has touched your life—or the life of someone you love—there is no better time than today to give back.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Geraldine Kilgore, P '17, '19, '21, '22

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