

# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love."

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Dear Parents,

A very big thank you to our HSA Board for all their work in making the Christmas Bazaar such a success! Thank you, also, to those of you who worked and/or supported it. Fundraisers such as these enable the school to receive those "extras" needed which do not fit into our budget. We appreciate all the support we receive for our various fundraisers throughout the year.

The students are busy practicing with Mrs. Kubeck for our Christmas performance which will be held next Wednesday evening at 7:00PM. All students are to be here no later than 6:45PM.

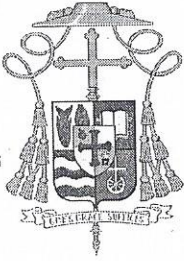
Just a reminder to those who may not have done so that we are collecting monetary donations for Fr. Ken's Christmas gift. These may be sent to the school office.

School will close at noon next Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> for Christmas vacation and will reopen Monday, January, 6<sup>th</sup>. The HSA will be hosting a Continental breakfast for all the students and staff that morning. We are all looking forward to this. Please note: **THERE WILL BE NO AFTER CARE NEXT FRIDAY.**

Once again, in order for you to receive information about school closings or major communications from the school, it is imperative that you sign on to the Honeywell Alert System. If you have not already registered, please be sure to visit the site found on our web site under **Parents & Students** and follow the directions to do so now.

May God continue to bless you and your families.

Mrs. Patricia Graham



## DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 5, 2013

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Between today and December 16, I invite all Catholics of our Diocese to participate in an online survey created in response to the Holy See's request for local feedback on pastoral challenges faced by families today. All U.S. responses will be collected, summarized and submitted to the Vatican in January.

Your feedback, along with responses from around the globe, will be considered prior to the upcoming Extraordinary Synod of Bishops to be held October 5 to 19, 2014 in Rome, Italy. The meeting, convened by His Holiness Pope Francis, will be on the theme, *'The pastoral challenges for the family in the context of evangelization.'*

The multiple choice and open-ended survey questions posed by the diocese are based on a preparatory document issued by the Vatican, which seeks the opinions of the faithful on issues related to Church teachings on family life including marriage and children; separation, divorce and remarriage; annulments; same-sex unions; and reception of the Sacraments.

I urge all those who have been baptized in the Catholic faith to participate in this survey as it is my desire to prepare and submit a summary to the Vatican that truly reflects the attitudes of the people in our diocese. It doesn't matter if you go to Mass regularly or on occasion, if you're actively involved in parish ministry or if you've fallen away from the Church. Let your voice be heard!

Available in English and Spanish, the survey is online now through December 16 and may be accessed through the diocesan website, at <http://diometuchen.org/survey-for-the-synod-on-families>. Please share this link with all Catholics you know.

Sincerely in the Lord,

+ *Paul G. Bootkoski*

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski  
Bishop of Metuchen