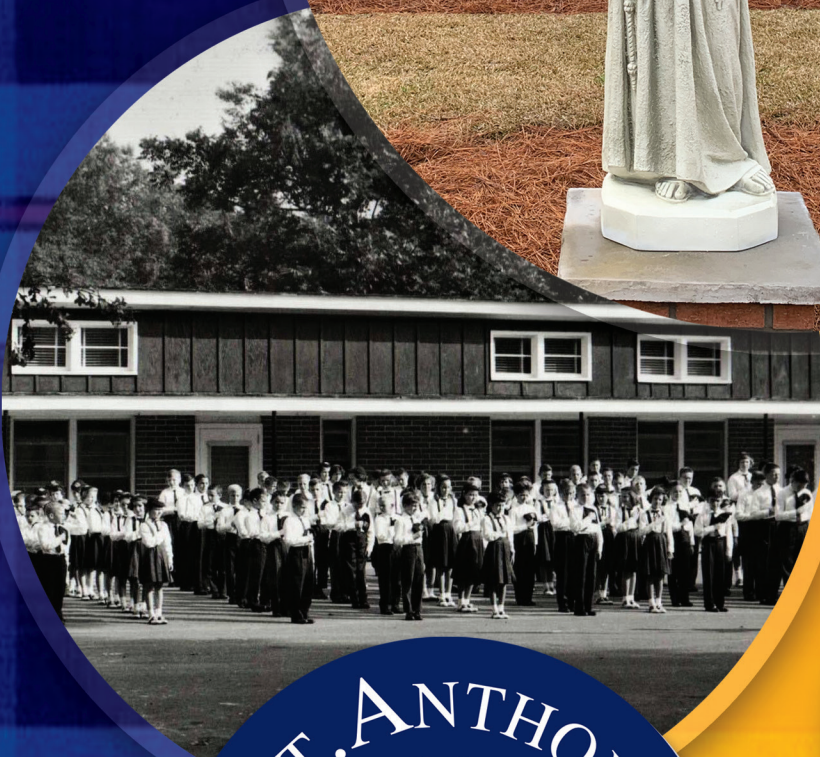
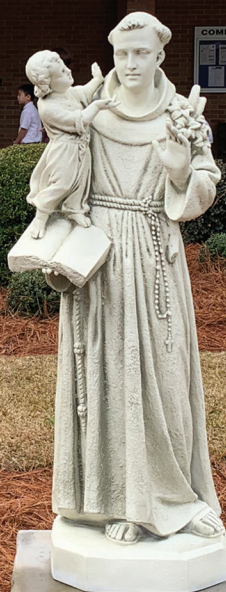


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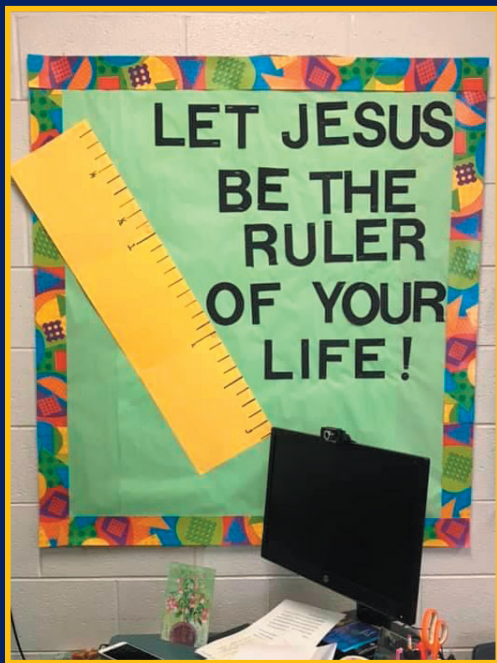
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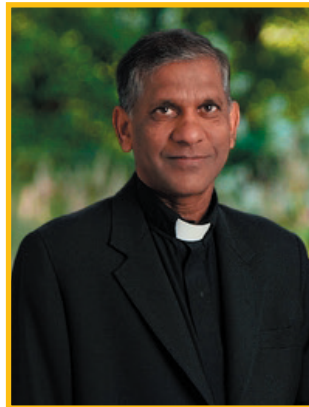
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From the Pastor



Dear Friends,

Congratulations to St. Anthony School on the celebration of the 65th birth year. This important milestone was celebrated on September 18, 2021, with a Solemn High Mass officiated by our bishop, Robert Guglielmone in gratitude to God for all the blessings that He has showered upon us.

This past year, I was proud to witness the many achievements the students and the school have made in various fields. They rebounded nicely from the challenges that the pandemic wave brought. The principal and staff make every effort to impart superior education and prepare the children for the world they face. Gospel-centered education on the four important pillars of Faith, Family, Knowledge, and Service strengthens them to make right choices amidst the many pressures and demands of the present world and create a better place for future generations.

The outlook is bright for St Anthony School. The campus has been upgraded to facilitate more growth in many areas. We have a new playground, play area, refurbished gym with a basketball court and other improvements. All were made possible by your generous support and encouragement. I gratefully acknowledge and thank all the benefactors for their kind support and concern toward the Catholic Education in this parish. I thank the families who seek such a formation for their children. We are committed to educating the whole child by providing a learning environment that promotes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and moral development. Let us continue to provide a sure foundation for future generations and expand the availability of Catholic education in our community.

May God bless you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Johnbosco Duraisamy".

Fr. Johnbosco Duraisamy
Pastor



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Celebrating 65 Years of Awesome!

St. Anthony Catholic School is the oldest private school in the Florence area. In 1956, at the request of the Bishop of Charleston, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur opened St. Anthony Catholic School. Their charism “to teach the word of God throughout the world” still exists today. This is the beginning of our 65 Years of Awesome!

For the past 65 years, these four powerful words, Faith. Family. Knowledge. and Service. serve as the foundation of St. Anthony Catholic School where we provide a learning environment that promotes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and moral development -preparing students to be good stewards of God’s gifts.

During the celebration of our Anniversary Year, our students, faculty, parents, and parishioners have been asked to define what makes St. Anthony School such a wonderful place to learn and grow. Love is the answer. Love of learning, love of our faith, love of teaching, love for each other, love for our community, and love of God.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to work alongside our teachers, staff, parents, and parishioners to encourage and inspire our students every single day. It is truly amazing to see how our school community develops and prepares our students to embrace their faith, celebrate their diversity, and make a lifelong impact on others’ lives through their servant leadership and community outreach.

Yes, we are celebrating 65 Years of Awesome, but we have not done this alone. Our story continues because of benefactors like you. St. Anthony School’s proud tradition and innovative plans continue to make it one of the finest Catholic schools across South Carolina.

I am calling you to action! By giving to the Annual Fund, you will be celebrating our past, and creating our future, all ignited by Faith!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristine Galemme".

Kristine Galemme

MISSION STATEMENT

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FAITH FAMILY KNOWLEDGE SERVICE

PURPOSE

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

Educating the whole child spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically.

Developing close personal relationships with God through worship, service and lived Gospel values. Providing a challenging, well-rounded curriculum through the collaboration of teachers, students, parents, church and community.



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History of St. Anthony Catholic School

1956-2021

An old adage says, “the third time’s the charm.” St. Anthony School is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year, but its history began 113 years ago with a false start followed by a school closure.

First came the dream that never became reality. St. Anthony began as a mission out of Charleston in the 1870s. Masses were celebrated in a private home by a series of visiting priests until a chapel was constructed in 1884.

According to archives in the Diocese of Charleston, in April of 1893, Father J. E. Chapius took up residence in Florence and immediately tried to start a school. On April 26th, he wrote to Bishop H. P. Northrop, “I never saw or found a more propitious field for a sisters’ school, and which would offer so many inducements and causes for success; and, I do not think there is another place where such a school is more needed.”

Father Chapius received word that the Ursuline Sisters in Columbia might be able to staff his proposed school. He assembled his financial data and target demographics before following up with a second letter to the bishop in late June of 1893 and a subsequent planned meeting with the Ursuline mother superior. He wrote once more to the bishop on July 10, and everything else is lost to history.

The school never opened.

Next came the school that closed. Father Charles D. Wood, who was ordained in 1898, began serving St. Anthony from Charleston in 1899. He established St. Anthony Mission House in 1900 and was assigned as pastor in 1901.

The mission house included a school and convent for the Mission Sisters of South Carolina, an offshoot of the Franciscan Sisters of Quebec. The school’s stated goal was “to reach children and to educate them for the reception of the sacraments.”

Four professed sisters, three novitiates, and two postulants taught 25 Catholic children, a combination of boarding students, day students, and kindergartners. Board, tuition, and books were all free.

The school opened to non-Catholic students in 1905. Attendance peaked at 47 students in 1906 but dropped to 34 in



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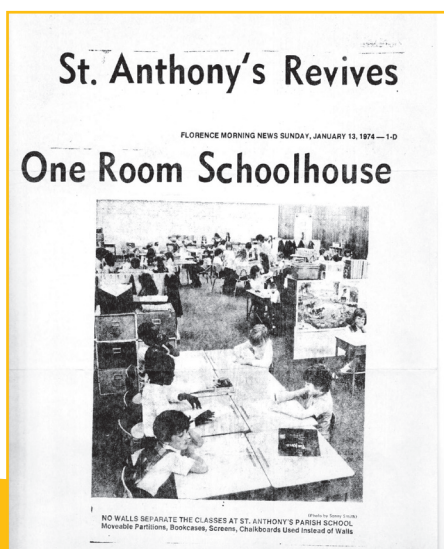
1908. No further record of the sisters exists after 1908, and the last record of the school in 1909 shows that it had 16 students.

The parish moved to a new brick church on the corner of Irby and West Palmetto Streets in 1917.

A successful school finally began in 1956 when 81 children entered a new, traditional school building with three classrooms. It was staffed by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and a lay kindergarten teacher. The building was expanded in 1960, another sister joined the faculty in 1961, and three additional lay teachers were hired in 1966.

In 1970, the parish church was destroyed by a fire. The decision was made to relocate the entire parish campus from downtown Florence to Hoffmeyer Road to provide room for growth.

The school continued to operate downtown until the new building was completed for the 1973 academic year.



Educational concepts were changing, and the new building was state of the art for its time, with one large, open classroom. This allowed students to learn at their own speed.

An addition to the school, built in 1997, added four self-contained classrooms for students in grades five through eight, a science lab and a computer lab. Students in the upper grades moved from room to room within the addition, but all grades shared the computer lab. In 2016, the school library, 3K and 4K classrooms and the Student Success area were all relocated into the open room. Grades 5K – Fourth were relocated to the self-contained classrooms. Our Seventh and Eighth Grade moved into classrooms in the Family Center. Students in Grades 5 – 8 were introduced to the Middle School Concept. The students begin the day in their home base classroom and move to a different classroom/teacher for each of the core academics. Our Middle School Schedule changes quarterly, with the core academics rotating to a different time slot.

In 2019 the school saw many changes. The playground was updated with all new equipment that included interactive stations for sensory play. Renovations in the Family Center provided a safe, updated gym for our sports programs. A grant awarded in 2021 allowed the school to improve technological capabilities through updated infrastructure, and enhanced security system. Students in Kindergarten – 8th grade now have access to one-to-one devices which provides opportunity for differentiated learning.

St. Anthony Catholic School is proud of our 65-year history of growth due to the commitment of priests, sisters, families, and parishioners who dared to dream. We look forward to a vibrant future fulfilling our mission: "United by our core values of Faith, Family, Knowledge and Service, St. Anthony Catholic School is committed to providing a learning environment that promotes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and moral development. Preparing students to be good stewards of God's gifts."†

Pastors of St. Anthony Parish From the Opening of the School to the Present

Rev. S.S. Dean
1952 - 1967

Rev. C.J. Molony
1967 - 1970

Msgr. L.F. Sterker
1970 – 1975

Rev. F.F. Masad
1975 -1981

Rev. J.P. Coffey
1981 – 1989

Rev. M. J. O'Connor
1989 – 1990

Rev. Thomas R. Duffy
1990 – 1997

Rev. Basil P. Congro
1997 – 1999

Rev. Arturo A. Dalupang
1999 – 2010

Rev. Robert E. Morey
2010 -2020

Rev. Johnbosco Duraisamy
2020 -

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From the Annals of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

St. Anthony Florence, South Carolina



St. Anthony in Florence was the second mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame in South Carolina—the first being at St. Peter School in Cheraw. But St. Anthony was the first Notre Dame home in South Carolina.

It was bishop John J. Russell of Charleston who brought the sisters to his diocese. He had welcomed the sisters to St. Ursula's parish in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1940. In a March 2, 1954, letter to the provincial, Sister Evelyn Marie, Bishop Russell requested our sisters: "In Florence, S.C., the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart have labored three years with gratifying success, teaching catechism to children and adults. The parish of St. Anthony there is now ready for a school. The Mission Helpers who do not conduct schools will gladly move on to another section. Very Reverend Sydney Dean, the Pastor has two buildings ready, one to be used as a school, the other as a convent. He is most anxious to have a school where both Catholic and non-Catholic children would be instructed in the Faith. It would have a tremendous effect on the whole community and help the Church become better established there."

The southern mission of the province was further expanded with this new foundation in Florence. Sister Joan Marie Sullivan, one of the pioneer missionaries at Our Lady of Victory in Southern Pines, North Carolina, headed this new Notre Dame endeavor. The first entry in the St. Anthony annals describes the beginnings: "On Saturday, August 25th, 1956, about 6 o'clock five sisters arrived to start the Notre Dame foundation at Florence, S.C. The sisters were the following: Sister Joan

Marie (Superior), Sisters Camilla Marie, Joan Christine, Loretta, Marie Joseph. The sisters from Southern Pines supplied our transportation and came with us to our new home. After supper we bid farewell to our kind sisters. We also discovered that the mothers of the parish had filled our shelves with canned goods and necessities. This was a foreshadowing of the great kindness which we were soon to see all around us in this our first home in South Carolina."

Newspaper articles found in the annals attested to the fact that St. Anthony was the first Catholic School in Florence. It was also the first school in Florence to be integrated. It was a very peaceful transition. It opened with an enrollment of about 80 children in six grades. The school prospered and in September 1959, St. Anthony opened its first eighth grade. His Excellency Paul J. Hallinan dedicated a new addition of three classrooms in the school. By August 1961, the convent was enlarged.

Sister Joan Marie, the founding Superior, left St. Anthony in August 1962 after a term of six years; Sister Marie Thomas (Veronica Murphy) became the new superior on August 28, 1962. The annals of that year told of promising growth in the community and school: "The school year of 1962-63 opened with the largest enrollment so far – 139. All are happy to see our little school grow. There are great hopes for further growth in the future as more industry is moving into Florence each day."

By the opening of the school year 1966-67, Sister Edwin Marie (Marie Kelly) was the principal of the school. For several years, the number of students in the seventh

and eighth grades had been decreasing. The problem was finally resolved during the 1966-67 school year, when the bishop allowed the closing of the seventh and eighth grades, allowing grades one to six to become single-grade classrooms.

The Sisters of Notre Dame continued to support St. Anthony and in 1971 issued the following rationale along with the decision to support St. Anthony: "This is the only Catholic parish in Florence County, South Carolina, a state in which the presence of religious communities is minimal. School population is a mixture of socio-economic and racial groups. The many opportunities for ecumenical exchange and activity provide active potential for pastoral collaboration on the part of the sister."

On September 15, 1970, a fire broke out in the church and destroyed the beautiful, historic building. The demolition of the Church took place the last day of August 1971.

The diocese bought 11.8 acres to relocate the parish buildings outside of town on Hoffmeyer Road. Groundbreaking for the new St. Anthony Church was on April 23, 1972.

Sister Rose Patricia Casey, who succeeded Sister Marie Kelly as principal in February 1971 inherited plans for a new school, an innovative open-space facility.

The Opening of the New School

The new St. Anthony School opened at last in January of 1974, and the faculty and students gathered from the four winds into their modern one-room schoolhouse. The sisters who made this giant step into an open-space school were Sisters Rose



Patricia Casey, Teresa Julie Hogan, Veronica Murphy, and Natalie Scibilia. Sister Teresa Julie recalled in her oral history: "The Open Space School at St. Anthony was an unusual experience for me! After the first six months I had learned all the advantages and disadvantages of this modern method of education."

Sister Christina Murphy assumed the position of principal of the new open-space school in September 1976, with a whole new faculty. In her oral history, she said of the beginning: "We had a wonderful year. Then the second year, enrollment just flourished. We probably had the largest enrollment the school has ever had, which was 197 students in one room."

In the early 1980's the diocese initiated a self-study and evaluation process for the elementary schools. St. Anthony School was fully accredited following this evaluation. The main recommendation from the report was to build on to the school a full-day, five-year old kindergarten, and a four-year old half-day kindergarten. Also, a center-gymnasium, a library, and a music room were needed. The building committee adapted that to add a Family Center to the church.

St. Anthony School- an experiment in open-space-education was a challenge for the faculty from the beginning. Finding the right combination of teachers who believed in this new philosophy of education was the important ingredient in making this concept an educational reality rather than a burden.

For the school year 1986-87, 180 children were in the school, 60 percent Catholic and 40 percent non-Catholic.

Sister Christina Murphy was the only Sister of Notre Dame at St. Anthony School in 1987. Her concern, as is true of so many principals today, was about the future of the school. As she put it in her oral history: "I want to finish the job here. It will be very hard to leave...to let St. Anthony go, because unless somebody else comes down, it won't be an SND place anymore." Sister Christina Murphy left St. Anthony in August 1989. No Sisters of Notre Dame remain there. †

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur who served at St. Anthony of Padua School

Sr. Joan Marie Sullivan*	1956-1962
Sr. Christine Touey**	1956-1961
Sr. Loretta Francis Petracca*	1956-1962
Sr. Joan Christine Glover**	1959-1960
Sr. Mary Leonard D'Angelo**	1961-1963
Sr. Thomas Elizabeth (Joyce) McCauley	1961-1965
	1966-1968
Sr. Joanne Schneberger	1962-1964
Sr. Marie Thomas (Veronica) Murphy*	1962-1968
	1971-1976
Sr. Patricia Marie (Mary Patricia) Hale	1963-1964
Sr. Edwin Marie (Marie) Kelly	1964-1970
Sr. Michael Ann Hager**	1965-1967
Sr. Christina Joseph (Christina) Murphy	1965-1970
	1976-1989
Sr. Rose Lally*	1967-1968
Sr. Catherine St. Edward O'Hara*	1969-1970
Sr. Patricia Loomer	1969-1971
Sr. Rose Patricia Casey	1969-1975
Sr. Regina Karlin**	1970-1971
Sr. Teresa Aloysius Couglan*	1970-1971
Sr. Teresa Julie Hogan *	1971-1983
Sr. Natalie Scibilia	1971-1981
Sr. Jacqueline Mary Metrick**	1975-1976
Sr. Susan Bradley*	1977-1978
Sr. Rita Keesey	1979-1981
Sr. Maureen White	1979-1987

*Deceased

** Left

Community



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St. Anthony School honors the generosity of donors and is extremely grateful for all those who support Catholic education and the mission of our school. Listed are all donations received from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of all contributions.

Please contact the school office at (843)662-1910 should you note an omission or error.



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From the Director of *Development*

Dear Friends
of **St. Anthony School,**



As we celebrate the 65th Anniversary of St. Anthony School it is only fitting that we remember those who had the foresight and courage to open a school that would be dedicated to educating the youth of St. Anthony Parish in the Catholic faith as well as give them the skills and knowledge needed to become productive members of

society. To all the priests who have served the parish, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur who staffed the school when it opened in 1956 and the wonderful principals, lay teachers and staff members who have continued to serve the youth of St. Anthony Parish and surrounding areas, we are deeply grateful.

It is also very important during this Anniversary Year to thank you, the parents, and parishioners for your continued financial support of the school. Your commitment to St. Anthony School has enabled many students to learn more about their faith, participate in the Sacraments and celebrations of the church, and live out their faith through service to others.

This Anniversary is truly a time to thank God and celebrate the blessing that St. Anthony School is to this parish and to our diocese.

Please keep the school community in your prayers and, if possible, please support the school's Annual Fund so that St. Anthony School can continue to serve the youth of St. Anthony Parish and surrounding areas for many years to come.

Sheila Durante

Ms. Sheila Durante
Director of Development

Ways to *Give*

ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL 2021-2022 ANNUAL FUND APPEAL

The Annual Fund Drive for St. Anthony School begins with this Annual Report Mailing. A card and envelope for the Annual Fund are enclosed with this Report. The return card gives donors the opportunity to make a one-time contribution or pledge a monthly amount through June of 2022. The Annual Fund supports both scholarship and project needs.

AN IRA "GIFT FOR GOOD"

Individuals 70 ½ years of age and older can transfer up to \$100,000 of IRA assets directly to a charity without the money being included as income for tax purposes. Each spouse has this option, giving married couples the opportunity to donate up to \$200,000. This preserves the full amount for charity and allows donors to do this during their lifetime, rather than waiting to give through estate plans. For individuals 70 ½ years of age and older, a qualified charitable distribution can count towards the required minimum distribution (RMD). This offers a distinct advantage over taking a taxable IRA distribution and then contributing the proceeds of that distribution to a charity. That's because taxable IRA distributions must be included in adjusted gross income. By donating IRA assets to charity, beneficiaries/heirs are not burdened by the potential taxes associated with receiving IRA assets upon your death. Use funds to create a lasting legacy! Provide financial support to St. Anthony School and make a significant, meaningful difference while enjoying tax advantages.

MONTHLY PLEDGE

Every gift, great or small, when added with the gifts of others can add up to something amazing! Whatever amount you feel called to give can be made in monthly payments. If you would like to do this, simply check the pledge box and indicate your monthly pledge.

Please make checks out to Friends of St. Anthony.

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Remembering St. Anthony School in your Estate Planning is a way to ensure that quality Catholic education will be available well into the future. If you have any questions regarding bequests or need assistance with planning, please contact Sheila Durante (sdurante125@gmail.com) at (843) 663-0106. If you already provided for St. Anthony School in your will, please mark the appropriate space on the Annual Giving Card insert in this booklet.

When making a bequest, please be sure to make your donation to Friends of St. Anthony.



OUR 2021 GRADUATES



From left to right: Chase Fluharty,
Godric Armstrong, Kaitlyn O'Donnell,
Andrea Elya, Maria Evans, Ava Shockey,
Emma Thomas, Katelyn Tilton, and Mrs. Knight

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your compassionate goodness,
which can listen and console
everyone: be my intercessor
before the Lord.*

*You who led a life anchored in
the Gospel, help me to live mine
with faith and Christian hope;
you who preached the message
of charity, inspire the whole of
humanity to search for peace,
love and solidarity; you who
supported, even through
miracles, the suffering and all
those who were facing injustice,
please sustain the poor and the
forsaken of this world.*

*Bless especially my work and
my family; make me capable of
always remaining close to God,
both in times of joy or sorrow,
with the faith and the love of
one totally committed to you.*

Amen

Amen

