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Dear Saint Anthony's High School Family,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! MAY 2025, A JUBILEE YEAR FOR THE CHURCH, BE FILLED WITH MANY BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!!!

By now, I am certain you have taken down many of your Christmas decorations but if you are like me, there is still a red ornament somewhere to remind us of the beauty of the season. With that said, I do hope that you had a most Blessed Christmas, one filled with love of family and friends.

The Franciscan Brothers suffered the loss of our Superior General, Brother Gabriel O'Brien, OSF, who died suddenly on December 31, 2024. It was quite the shock for all of us. Brother Gabriel was ever so supportive of Catholic Education and he served many years as teacher and administrator here at Saint Anthony's High School. His passion for Franciscan Service, Hospitality and especially JOY were his trademarks. He leaves us with a great legacy; one that each of us will do our best to carry on in the days and years ahead.

As we turn the calendar to January 2025, we can see that it will be a month filled with many activities for all of us. We start immediately on Tuesday, January 7 with Two Special Liturgies in Honor of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, Foundress of Catholic Education in America. Bishop Barres, our Diocesan Bishop, will be here to celebrate the liturgies and spend time with our students, faculty and staff. Our Junior Class retreat season has begun. We all await the opportunity to spend the month honoring the Sanctity of Life, especially as we will send some students and faculty to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. later this month. We end the month with our Traditional Liturgy honoring those men and women who sacrifice so much for us each day with our Blessing of the Shields Liturgy on January 26 at 10:00 am here in our chapel.

It is a month of many Academic Milestones. As a nation, we celebrate the Legacy of Martin Luther King, a man of Peace and Justice. Many Future Friars will be awaiting their Acceptance Letters and look forward to Accepted Students Presentations. Our Winter Art Show will feature amazing creations by our students and unbelievably, the Second Marking Period will come to an end.

The month ahead is filled with many activities: Pajama Night, the National Honor Society Variety Show, Wrestling and Bowling matches, Track and Swim meets and Ice Hockey and Basketball games on every level. We close out the month celebrating CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK as we honor the Nation, Our Faith, Our Parents and the Entire School Community.

January 2025 marks the Jubilee Year for Our Church, as many will travel to Rome to celebrate the canonizations of Carlo Acutis and Pierre Giorgio Frassati. I encourage all of you to visit the Jubilee Crucifix in our own Diocesan Cathedral of Saint Agnes in Rockville Centre.

Finally, this January we will inaugurate a new president and as a nation, we again join united to stand for all of our American Ideals, Dreams and Hope. Let us together pray that the year ahead brings peace to our world.

In Saint Anthony, Our Patron,

Brother David Anthony, OSJ