

Friends & Benefactors of the Chesterton Academy of Utah,

Thank you for being here and for your support for the Chesterton Academy of Northern Utah. I regret that I could not be physically present this evening, but I do hope this note will suffice!

In today's cultural climate, we do not have the luxury of assuming that society will rally around the good. There are no assurances that the institutions and pillars of established communities will stand against the high tide of relativism and modernity. It is only the observant, formed, and trained that safeguard the Truth and pass it forward.

We have faith that the Church, the unblemished Bride of Christ, will remain here on this earth through feast and famine as the purveyor of truth and salvation, and our respective baptisms mystically entwine our participation in that spiritual reality. Many, including those in this room, have felt the call to take a more proactive posture in this shared vocation to go to Heaven and bring as many with us as possible.

In particular, we'd like to ensure we are accompanied by our children!

Here in the beauty of Northern Utah where the Catholic community has long understood the reality of being outnumbered, we have a chance to change the narrative. We can take ownership of our Faith and provide the security, education, and formation for the next generation that has been so frequently and consistently undermined at every level of our society.

Make sure, though, that we do not misunderstand this endeavor. We are not creating a safety net. We are establishing a training facility, a place where the Truth is free to be known and understood. And knowledge of Truth necessarily comes with a desire to spread it. The Chesterton Academy of Northern Utah will be a place where young men and women learn to have a heart for Christ, to come to know that sacrifice and hardship are signs of His Love for us, and that deference to God's Will is the ultimate source of a deep and abiding joy in this life.

When I received Martha's phone call on the feast of Saint Joseph, I knew that the Lord had something brewing for my family, and, through the process of discerning this position and getting to know this community, my wife and I came to believe that establishing this school is where we were called. I am excited to ingratiate my family into this community, and I am honored to have been named Headmaster for this academy.

Enjoy the food, drink, and company, and next time I'll be present to extend my friendship with you all. Thank you for your prayers, and I offer mine and my family's to you and yours.

Many blessings,

Harris Moriarty Founding Headmaster, Chesterton Academy of Northern Utah