



Mother Teresa Academy Monthly Newsletter

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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to all of our gracious donors who supported Mother Teresa Academy throughout the 2018-2019 school year. Thank you for all your support and dedication to our mission. Your generosity will continue to fuel the success of our school and enhance our students' experiences. Working together, we can help these students prepare for the future by providing them with an education that is truly transformative.



**Mother Teresa Academy
Receives National**

Recognition in NCEA's "Momentum" Magazine

Mother Teresa Academy recently received national recognition in the National Catholic Education Association's "Momentum" Magazine. The article, entitled, "The Mother Teresa Academy Miracle: Called to Serve, Share and Steward Catholic Education" highlights the history and development of Mother Teresa Academy, the impact it has had in the City of Erie and the impact of Catholic Education in our community. The article can be reviewed by visiting the MTA website by clicking [here](#).

We are appreciative to NCEA for highlighting Mother Teresa Academy's story and for sharing the mission and vision of the school and the importance of faith-based Catholic Education.

FEATURES

The Mother Teresa Academy Miracle: Tom Brodzicki Chris Haggerty

Called to Serve, Share and Steward Catholic Education

Responding to our faith-filled call to serve, share and steward Catholic education, leaders in Erie, Pennsylvania brought to life the Miracle of Mother Teresa Academy. We believe this story will inspire others to envision and consider how our schools are far more powerful together in advancing the mission of Catholic education than going it alone.

Setting the foundation
Back in 2004, facing enrollment, facilities and financial challenges, Cathedral Preparatory School's president, the Father Scott Jabo, the board of directors and other school leaders, together with the Diocese of Erie and



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leaders at Villa Maria Academy responded to the call to serve, share and steward the mission of Catholic education. This was born Prep/Villa (Erie Catholic Preparatory School), the independent, co-institutional governance model that respects the traditions and legacy of Cathedral Preparatory School and Villa Maria Academy. This merger of Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria has proved to be highly effective in advancing and strengthening the mission and all aspects of Catholic secondary education. Prep/Villa today stands as a model for the independent, co-institutional secondary school model and the inspiration for extending its mission to serve the needs of the inner city through Catholic education. Prep/Villa is indeed the heart and soul of the Mother Teresa Academy Miracle.

Preparing for a miracle
The story begins in February 2016, with a diocese-wide strategic planning process titled "Building in Truth and Love." One result of the plan was the call for an exploratory committee to be formed in May 2016 to consider the feasibility of creating a mission school to serve the needs of students and families in Erie's inner city. Three months later, the committee boldly recommended that a mission school be created and governed by Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria Academy.

Recognizing numerous challenges, yet empowered by the spirit and mission of Catholic education for inner-city children, in February 2017 the Prep/Villa board of directors approved a resolution to own and operate the school, with the condition that operational dollars be raised to cover the first five years. With the resolution in place, Mother Teresa Academy (MTA) was officially named, with a target opening of August 2018. With

How Can You Support Our Mission?

MTA provides access to quality education for City of Erie children, and that changes lives. Here's how you can help!

- **Get Inspired:** Meet some of our students and learn the impact quality K-8 Catholic education can make.
- **Donate:** By helping provide critical support, you can make a difference in the life of these students.
- **Tax Credit:** PA Tax Credit programs make it easy for businesses to invest in our city's future --- and receive up to 90% of their donation back.
- **Volunteer:** MTA's staff works with volunteers throughout the school year to deliver programs for our students. You can help!



Interested in supporting our mission? Please contact Erica Jackson, Advancement Manager, at (814) 455-0580 ext 5006 or erica.jackson@mtasaints.com to learn more.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Below are some important dates for upcoming MTA Events. Please continue to follow our social media updates and visit our websites for additional information.



- Saturday, August 17th: Meet the Teacher Day 10am-12pm
- Monday, August 26th: First Day of School 8am
- Thursday, September 26th : MTA Coffee Connection 9-10 am
- **Wednesday, November 20th: MTA GIVING DAY!!!!**
- Sunday, January 26th: MTA Open House - 2-4 pm
- Saturday, March 28th: Legacy Gala
- Monday, June 8th: MTA 8th Grade Graduation 6 pm @ H. David Bowes Auditorium at Cathedral Prep

**For details on our upcoming events and to review our 2019-20 school calendar, please visit our website at <https://www.prep-villa.com/mother-teresa-acad.../.../news-events>



[Click Here for 2019-20 MTA School Calendar](#)

