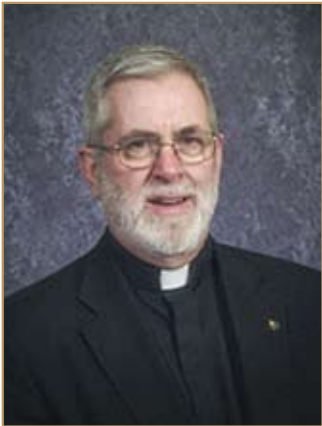


## Letter from Father Bill



Dear Graduates of Saint Thomas the Apostle School,

As you may or may not know, it has been my privilege to serve as pastor of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish since the summer of 1999. Prior to my arrival here I was the pastor of Saint Monica's in Mishawaka from 1987 – 1999. This means that, for the past 20 years, I have memories of this parish and school that will remain with me forever. The Comets tangled with the Spartans in many ICCL games.

Without a doubt, you recall the days you spent walking the hallowed halls of Saint Thomas the Apostle School, possibly beginning with pre-school all the way to 8th grade. Some things stay the same while others are constantly changing. Have you been able to see the inside of the school since you left? I assure you that a smile will come across your face.

Every school attempts to keep in touch with their graduates. I would imagine that you hear from other alma maters on occasion, especially a high school and/or college. The purpose of the alumni association is to bring people together to enjoy the company of one another, to tell stories, and to remember the school in your prayers.

In the name of the administration, the school board and alumni newsletter committee, I would like to encourage you to always feel free to stop in and say "hello". At the present time, among the 433 students enrolled in grades K to 8, we have children of alumni in the classrooms. Five years ago the student body numbered 355. Good things are happening!

I believe that a gathering of graduates will be scheduled sometime this academic year. How good it would be to have you here for such an occasion. My hope and prayer is that the alumni association will grow by leaps and bounds as the word spreads.

May the Lord, in His goodness, bless you and your loved ones with His gifts of peace and strength. Until we meet again, or for the first time, may God hold you in the palm of His Hand.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Bill Sullivan*

## Volunteers Helping St. Thomas



In the fall of 1984, St. Thomas had more than 500 students and a staff of 30. The faculty was supported by dedicated and qualified volunteers, much like today.

In this photo, students are shown utilizing Apple Computers. The computer lab then consisted of 10 Apple Computers. The lessons were taught by volunteers such as Kay Lucchese, whose grandchildren now attend St. Thomas.

Today the computer lab consists of 29 computers, 8 photo printers, 1 scanner and a digital projector to give step by step "on screen" instructions. Computer classes are taught by Mr. Chris Kolakovich. He says, "At St. Thomas, we are blessed to have a community that supports our technology needs. With this equipment, our students are capable of creating exciting and unique work!"



## Sisters of the Holy Cross

Here is a photograph of our St. Thomas nuns in 1981 celebrating the Sister of the Holy Cross Feast. They are from left: Sister Gerald Francis; 8th grade teacher, Sister Mildred Marie; Principal, Sister William Joseph; secretary, Sister M. Gladys; 2nd grade teacher, and Sister Agnes Anglea; librarian.



## April 1967 Teacher Career Month

*COMFORTER... Billy finds Sister Clair Alfred's shoulder the right place to unburden his big worry of the day.*

What worries do you suppose Billy had? Worries today are very much different than in 1967. What stays the same is the loving comfort we find in those whom mean the most to us, those we trust, and those we are familiar with...our teachers.