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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

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“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13

Dear NDA Community,

As we enter fully into the Christmas season and bring 2025 to a close, my heart is filled with gratitude as I reflect on the many blessings at Notre Dame Academy this year.

The Sisters of Notre Dame continue to be the heart and soul of our community. While we can no longer look up the hill to their former home, their presence remains deeply felt among us. We are blessed by the Sisters who call the fourth floor home and by the many who visit often. Together, we celebrated moments of great joy, especially the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Notre Dame. We also shared in sorrow as we said goodbye to our beloved Sr. Paul Ann Hanneken, SND '50. We recognize that each of us at NDA is called to carry the SND charism forward.



This fall, we proudly introduced our strategic plan, [*Rooted in Faith, Leading with Vision*](#), and have already seen exciting progress. Within the *Academics and Technology* domain, Objective Two challenges us to create innovative learning spaces. In late November, that vision came to life with the completion of the 1906 IDEAL Innovation Space. This new area features a modern classroom and a design lab. It invites creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. Even before its official dedication in January, our students have already begun bringing real-world problem solving to life.



I am continually inspired by the generosity and compassion of our students. Members of the *NDA LIFE Club* partnered with Covington Catholic High School to label and pack more than 1,600 dove ornaments for St. Elizabeth Hospice. Our newly formed *Future Business Leaders of America* club responded to the needs of our neighbors at *Be Concerned*. Through a schoolwide gift drive, they collected an incredible 735 toys to help parents and caregivers provide special gifts to their children. These acts of service reflect the very best of who we are.



Talent and creativity were on display in the weeks leading up to Christmas break. Band and choral concerts, a Dance Pandas performance, and a stunning quilt show by our Textiles class remind us of the beauty created when students share their gifts from God.



We were proud to feature artwork by junior Makayla Kleman on this year's Christmas card and look forward to highlighting even more original student art soon.

Amid the celebrations of the season, we remain firmly grounded in our Catholic faith. Our community gathered for a special Advent Reconciliation Service and an Advent Mass, preparing our hearts as we awaited the newborn King. Now, He is here bringing the promise of salvation. As we continue through this Christmas season and look ahead to a new year, may each of you rejoice in hope and be renewed by the goodness and love of God.

In Notre Dame,

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