



Dear St. Gregory Families,

The St. Gregory Drama Club was founded fourteen years ago thanks to the urging of Monsignor Novicky. We have worked and sacrificed six months of every year for our musical productions. Every play, every cast, has left an indelible imprint on our lives. This year's production will be "Annie Get Your Gun" and it is with great sadness that we announce that this will be our last play.

We think it is important for our community to understand why we are announcing our final season now. We know there are many rumors that the criticisms (some constructive and some unfair) aimed at the play and its directors may be the reason, but this is not true. We have always known that, given an organization as large and intense as the Drama Club, criticism from parents is accepted and even welcomed, if it is a genuine concern. This is our final season because Maureen Callam's son, Cole, has been very ill for several years and she can no longer commit to such a huge volunteer project. Maureen is our choreographer and co-director and we could not produce our annual shows without her.

We hope and pray for some group to step forward and volunteer to carry on the tradition of the St. Gregory Drama Club. Please contact us, if you are interested.

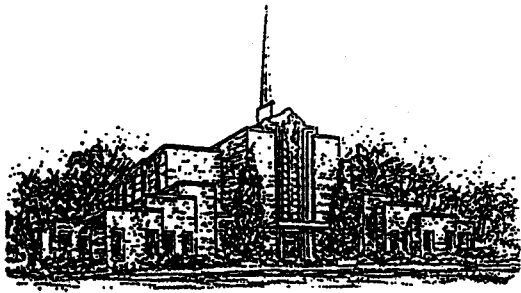
Thank you to all of our generous volunteers, especially the special people who have returned for years after their own children graduated. I thank you and the children thank you.

One thousand children have experienced excellent theater with us. They have laughed and cried, sweated, danced and sang their way into our hearts every year. The Junior High classes have given us memories that will last forever.

Please, everyone, help us this year with our grand finale!

Fourteen years... a great run...thank you!

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Church of St. Gregory the Great

Keeping Saint Gregory's Great... Together

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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It was with a great deal of sadness that I learned, from Mary Roche, that this will be the last year that she and her family will be able to lead the Drama Club. As she states in her letter, "One thousand children have experienced excellent theatre with us". Indeed this is very true. Through the foresight of Msgr. Novicky and the generous response of Mary we have been very blessed. No other parish or school has had the quality and opportunity that we have enjoyed at St. Gregory the Great through the efforts of Mary, her family and all of the other volunteers who have worked so hard over these past fourteen years. It has been a great run. They will be greatly missed.

Let us also keep Maureen and Jim Callam's son, Cole, in our prayers. May the Divine Physician heal him and keep him close to Himself.

I would encourage others to step forward to continue this great tradition. Please contact Mary Roche for more information.

Let's make "Annie Get Your Gun" our best production yet.

God bless you,

Father Ireland