

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This past Saturday evening Holy Name of Jesus School celebrated its annual gala. Almost magically, enthusiastic folks transformed the basement lunchroom into the Stork Club, the night spot where many young stars developed into true celebrities. Silent and live auctions gave guests opportunities to bid on a wide variety of gifts.

In just about ten days, we will have another opportunity to join together in the school's basement lunchroom. Although the environment will be much less formal, the occasion will be no less important. Wednesday, April 16, will mark the last of our community dinners for this academic year. Please join us this Wednesday at six-thirty in the evening.

This community dinner, like the others, will be a celebration of what the Holy Name family holds in common. It will be an occasion for us to celebrate what we have in common and even to celebrate our differences. If we had nothing but absolute unanimity, perhaps life would be rather boring.

As it is, we can come together as a parish community to share our hopes and dreams, our joys and our disappointments. Our community dinners help us to prepare for and strengthen our faith in our Eucharistic celebration. In that celebration the Lord is present in us, in the priest, in the Scriptures, and in the Eucharistic gifts. We pray that our community meal will further enhance our Easter season.

In our Lord,
Donald A. Hawkins, S.J.
Pastor