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***Saint Francis of Assisi Mission Statement:** We are a Catholic community of faith striving to follow Jesus, pledging each day to do our best by imitating Saint Francis of Assisi as "instruments of peace." Our goal is to maintain a safe and healthy environment and to be academically prepared for this technological age.*

OFFICE OF THE
PRINCIPAL

January 21, 2010

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It is my pleasure to announce that Saint Francis School has joined the Archbishop Williams Educational Alliance, a coalition of AWHs and area Catholic elementary schools. Fr. Sepe and I represented SFA at the Alliance signing ceremony on January 14.

Dr. Carmen Mariano, president of AWHs, quoted a Chinese Proverb which tells us that, "In unity, there is strength." He sees the Alliance, as giving us strength by making us one. I would like to share additional rationale for joining the Alliance with this prestigious, co-ed secondary Catholic.

- Scholarships will be made available to our students in addition to the current AWHs merit scholarships and financial aid.
- SFA students, who decide to attend AWHs, will be offered summer prep courses in English and math prior to their entrance into the freshmen class.
- AWHs will sponsor several professional development opportunities open to the staffs of the Alliance schools.
- Complimentary passes to athletic and other AWHs events will be made available to members of the Alliance.
- As an Alliance school, SFA will have access to AWHs facilities as schedules allow.
- Students of the Alliance will receive priority enrollment to AWHs.

Research shows that there is a direct correlation between faith development and the number of years a student attends a Catholic school. With the alliance forged between SFA and AWHs, we are creating seamless avenues for our students' Catholic education and hence their spiritual development to continue.

Vittoria DeBenedictis
Principal