



## CREIGHTON PREP

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Cheryl Castle  
Principal, St. Mary's School  
903 West Mission Avenue  
Bellevue, NE 68005

Dear Mrs. Castle:

I salute to the graduates of St. Mary's Bellevue: Shane Giles, Nicholas Kozusko, Matthew Cervantes, Hayden Hanson (parishioner), Jonathan Henderson, Stephen Price, 2011, and Paul Sobczyk, '2011. Their accomplishments at Creighton Preparatory School are plentiful.

Our Profile of the Graduate at Graduation is used to help prepare our young men to be active participants in the church and the local community in service of others. Here is a sampling of the achievements of the grads at St. Mary's as they learned to live the values of the profile: Open to Growth, Academically Competent, Loving, Religious and Committed to Doing Justice.

Open to Growth, many of these St. Mary's graduates have enrolled in Advanced Placement and Honors classes at Prep. Their willingness to grow academically will assist them when they move on to college. Their involvement in band, drama, National Honor Society and Chess Club further indicates their willingness that reflects some intentional responsibility for their own growth and to be involved in other aspects of the school besides academics.

Academically Competent – Collectively these students have a 3.97/4.00 cumulative grade point average. It is clear that the preparation they received from St. Mary's have allowed them to take their academic giftedness applying it in their classes at Prep.

Religious: Prep is extremely proud of our Campus Ministry program. This student lead program is heavily involved in planning retreats, service opportunities and Liturgies. St. Mary's graduates have been active on our liturgy committee, planning and executing our weekly and all school masses and serving as EME's.

Loving: These St. Mary's grads have been able to shift away from self-centeredness and self-interest moving into significant relationships with friends, faculty, and families appreciating deeper personal relationships with others. Some of your graduates' parents are active at Prep giving their time and talents and their sons are learning that these contributions by mom and dad enhance the unity of all.

Committed to Doing Justice: Your graduates have achieved considerable knowledge of the needs of the local and wider communities, with their work on service projects; taking seriously their Theology classes in which they have studied the ambiguities of cultures and the complexities of social issues. These young men have begun to acquire the skills and motivation necessary to live as men for others.

Congratulations to you and your wonderful staff.

Sincerely,

John C. Naatz  
Principal