



# PADUA FRANCISCAN HIGH SCHOOL

Office of the President

## *A Christmas Message from Padua's President*



Greetings to all of our Padua family during this holy season of Advent. I hope this message finds you well and preparing for the joys of Christmas.

As we celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> jubilee year, we remain dedicated to our Catholic mission of educating young men and women in the Franciscan tradition. The first half of the year brought on many blessings including several academic awards, prayerful all-school liturgies, competitive fall sports seasons and great fine arts events. The faculty and staff are committed to ensuring every student is engaged and supported.

Especially during this time of year, through the efforts of Christmas For Others and our Advent faith experiences, we continue to teach our students that the magic of Christmas occurs in our giving and not in our receiving. Saint Francis knew that well as he stated, "It is giving that we receive." I invite you to be a part of that transformation for our students. Please give so that you can help us with this special ministry. If you have already supported Padua, I thank you for your generosity and belief in our mission. There is still time to make your end of 2021 tax-deductible gift; I hope you will consider supporting all of the good things we do for our students at Padua.

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received, only what you have given: a heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage." Thank you for your consideration in making a gift today at [paduafranciscan.com/giving/donate-now](http://paduafranciscan.com/giving/donate-now).

Know of my prayers for you and your family during this Christmas time. Join me in a prayer for peace and wellness for our world. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Peace and all good,

David G. Stec '86  
President