



**St. Anastasia School
to Continue
Successful Performing Arts Program**

Westchester, CA (June, 2010) - The William H. Hannon Foundation has provided a grant to St. Anastasia Catholic School in Westchester to assist in funding the K-8 school's Performing Arts Program over the next five years.

St. Anastasia Catholic School provides a comprehensive Performing Arts Program that helps students achieve presentation skills and confidence in public speaking, concentration and listening as well as the appreciation of various social and cultural styles and art forms. The school's program includes three key elements: a Christmas pageant in which each class presents its own musical performance; an annual School Musical for students grades 4 to 8; and a Performing Arts Showcase for students to demonstrate individual artistic talents or work together in a group ensemble. St. Anastasia Catholic School launched its Performing Arts Program in 2000 and the William H. Hannon Foundation has been a supporter since 2005.

"My late uncle was very fond of St. Anastasia Catholic School. His office was close by and he'd often drop in to check on various programs he supported. He would be very pleased to see us supporting St. Anastasia's Performing Arts Program as it helps develop an appreciation of the arts while instilling confidence in students," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation and a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors since its founding in 1983.

Rosemary Connolly, principal of St. Anastasia states, "We are extremely grateful to the William H. Hannon Foundation for its continued support of St. Anastasia Catholic School. At St. Anastasia we strive to provide a well-rounded learning experience for our students beginning in kindergarten and continuing through eighth grade. Through our Performing Arts Program, our students experience the joy and thrill of performing before a live audience."