“No Risk – No Gain.”

Over and over again these words, penned originally by Anna Marie Bachmann, OSF, the foundress of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, echo in my head and heart. This year marks Neumann University’s 45th anniversary as an institution of higher education that has taken and managed risk over these years, never wavering from its mission and Catholic Franciscan identity. Evidence of such abounds when one recalls the past, reads the annual reports, and peruses some of the documents and photos in the archives.

This Accent is dedicated to our anniversary. I hope you will take time to reflect on the many noteworthy developments of the first 45 years . . . a record of influence, transformation, and inspiring progress. From the days of OLA/Our Lady of Angels College (1965-1980) to those as Neumann College (1980-2009) and now as Neumann University, a rich tradition is developing through award-winning student scholars and student-athletes, the expanding number of successful graduates who are crafting meaningful personal and professional lives, and through our talented faculty members whose teaching and scholarship are of the highest quality and who are recognized for their extraordinary achievements locally, regionally, and internationally. It is important to note that OLA/Neumann has also emerged as a vital center of economic growth and workforce development in our region.

As president, I am privileged to serve at this moment in time. I am very aware that Neumann University is the result of each and every moment of these last forty-five years. Each and every individual who contributed in some way to lay a foundation grounded in the richness of the Catholic Franciscan tradition motivates those of us here now and in the future to remember “NO RISK — NO GAIN” and to give our talents, gifts, and energy to ensuring Neumann’s success into the future.

I invite you to read and enjoy looking back at the 45 years, to reflect with gratitude on those who were here before us, and to share the good news about Neumann’s accomplishments. May we all be inspired to continue this legacy through prayer, participation, and support.

Pace e Bene

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