

Fulcrum Early Childhood Education Fund

SUPPORTING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE



THIS ENDOWMENT SUPPORTS Catholic early childhood learning programs across western Washington in the following ways:

- Tuition assistance
- Facilities grants
- Teacher education/certification/training
- Assessment program
- Curriculum/materials
- Toddler programs
- Staff member to manage the Early Childhood Education Program

WE INVEST in early childhood education because it is well documented that 90% of critical brain development occurs before kindergarten.*

WE KNOW early childhood education leads to:

- Kindergarten readiness
- Positive effects on language, math and social skills
- Improved K-12 test scores
- High school graduation
- College enrollment
- Less crime
- Less dependence on social services later in life



*Data from www.firstthingsfirst.org

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE



29% increase in the number of pre-K students over the last ten years



1,730 total pre-K students



72 Catholic schools in western Washington from Bellingham to Vancouver



22,000 Catholic school students in K-12



99% high school senior graduation rate



Equal in size to the 9th largest school district in the state



Founded in 2002, the Fulcrum Foundation leverages financial assistance to support and

strengthen Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle primarily through tuition assistance, school partnerships, and transformational leader training.



ABOUT THE FUND

Dick and Sharon Abrams established the Fulcrum Early Childhood Education Fund at the Seattle Foundation* to increase awareness of Fulcrum and encourage broader support for this endowment.

The Fulcrum Early Childhood Education Fund will encompass the priorities of the Fulcrum Foundation and will be developed in partnership with the Office for Catholic Schools.

For information on how you can participate in this exciting partnership, contact Susan Ocoma, Fulcrum Programs Director, at 206.748.7988 or susan.ocoma@fulcrumfoundation.org.

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