

## FULCRUM'S MISSION

The Fulcrum Foundation provides financial assistance to promote and support Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle, primarily through tuition assistance, assistance to schools in need, and assistance for initiatives that promote academic excellence and faith formation.



Leveraging Support for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle



## CONNECTING WITH YOU

In our 13<sup>th</sup> year of existence, the Fulcrum Foundation is proud to count over 14,000 individual supporters and friends who are advocates of Catholic schools. Although growth is positive, we are aware it can be more challenging to connect with everyone who supports the Foundation. This triannual newsletter is one method of keeping our friends updated on how Fulcrum is serving Catholic schools.

Fulcrum also has a presence online, with a webpage [www.fulcrumfoundation.org](http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org), and facebook profile as "Fulcrum Foundation." We post a variety of unique school activities, program highlights, seasonal messages and prayers for our schools. Please "Like Us" to be

part of the latest happenings at Fulcrum.

Events are another way in which we can connect. Recently the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Celebration of Light fundraising event was held at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel. The Celebration's goal is to raise crucial funds for our mission – supporting the operations and programs that serve schools, families and educators. The event is a wonderful celebration of Catholic community, but our whole community – 14,000 strong – is over ten times larger than this event can accommodate!

As such, we host a number of other events and activities for our supporters. The Investors Forum is a fall event that serves as a "state of the union" to relate the Foundation's most recent and notable achievements and initiatives. This breakfast event

serves as an update to our investors on the use of their gifts and outlook ahead. Speakers who witness the direct benefit of our programs in the schools are featured.

In the spring, the Legacy Luncheon is a chance to meet students from a Catholic high school and learn about the impact Fulcrum is making on both schools and the lives of individual students through our grant programs. Student musical entertainment is also a traditional element guests enjoy. The program is focused on long-term support of the Foundation through estate planning or deferred gifts. Guests are able to learn more about this type of support and hear about the major impact it has already had in growing Fulcrum's programs.

If you are in the 21 to 40 year

old demographic (or just young at heart!), we also have a thriving young professionals group called "Amici." Through service projects, fundraising events, networking, faith sharing and more, Amici has engaged young people in active support of Catholic schools. Recent activities have included a painting day at this year's partner school, St. Bernadette in Burien, as well as attending Mass at St. James Cathedral followed by a group meal. Amici has a website [www.amiciseattle.org](http://www.amiciseattle.org) and a Facebook profile "AmiciSeattle."

Thank you for having connected with Fulcrum and for all the ways in which you support its mission. Your involvement drives the board of trustees and staff to constantly grow and improve to better serve our deserving Catholic schools!

# THE FULCRUM DIGEST

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# CELEBRATION OF LIGHT RAISES \$1.3 MILLION...AND SO MUCH MORE!

On February 6, 2015, nearly 1,000 Catholic school supporters gathered at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Celebration of Light gala! The gala was a true celebration of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

The evening began with a hosted cocktail reception where guests enjoyed the sweet sounds of the Bellarmine Preparatory High School Jazz Combo. Once inside the ballroom, the evening took off with local Catholic school graduate, and current KREM 5 TV news reporter, Taylor Viydo serving as emcee.

Taylor guided guests through a spectacular program

that included musical interludes from the 100+ members of the North Seattle Youth Choir under the direction of Mr. Rick Boyle. After dinner, guests were moved by the personal and inspirational remarks of our Champions of Catholic Education: Mr. Daniel Mullen, Teacher at O'Dea Catholic High School, and Mr. Matthew Shanahan, Chair of the St. Therese Catholic Academy School Commission.

Dr. Margaret (Peg) Haggerty was an inspiration to all, as she so graciously accepted the 2015 Archbishop's Award for exceptional contributions to Catholic education. Peg shared stories from her own childhood in Minnesota, and how mother and daughter came together to raise over 800 chickens that would eventually provide

the resources to pay for her own Catholic education!

The evening concluded with the Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan, Pastor of St. James Cathedral and Chair of the Fulcrum Board, inviting the entire ballroom to stand in affirmation of the importance of Catholic education and in support of Fulcrum's mission to promote Catholic schools and the families they serve.

The 2015 Celebration of Light was a rousing success by any measure. Thank you for helping us raise over \$1.3 million and just as important, to truly celebrate the transformational gift of Catholic education.

To watch an exclusive video from the event, please visit [www.YouTube/fulcrumfoundation.org](http://www.YouTube/fulcrumfoundation.org).



*Matthew Shanahan*



*Margaret (Peg) Haggerty*



*Daniel Mullen*

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## TABLE CAPTAINS OF CELEBRATION OF LIGHT

Thank you to the Table Captains for this year's Celebration of Light. You played a vital role at the event: bringing your friends, family members, colleagues and business associates to support Fulcrum Foundation. Your investment of time and energy in thoughtfully inviting your table guests was a key reason why Celebration of Light met its goal.



The Celebration of Light table captains could be identified by the gold and silver pins on their lapels.



Join Fulcrum's young professionals for fellowship, inspiring discussion and service this year!

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Speaker Series Wednesday, May 6

Seattle University's Rolf Community Room  
*Hear from industry and community leaders as they discuss living their faith while advancing their careers.*  
Online registration available in early April.

### Spring Trivia Night Thursday, April 9

The Chieftain in Capitol Hill, 7pm  
*Show off your knowledge, win the coveted title of "Amici Trivia Champion"!*  
All proceeds benefit our partner school St. Bernadette.

### Spring Service Saturday, April 25

St. Bernadette Parish School, Burien  
*Help us finish painting the primary hallway!*

For more information on Amici and these events, please email [info@amiciseattle.org](mailto:info@amiciseattle.org) [www.amiciseattle.org](http://www.amiciseattle.org)