

THE FULCRUM DIGEST

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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.

FULCRUM FOUNDATION ON THE ROAD

This fall, Fulcrum reinvented an event. Traditionally, the Investors Forum (formerly known as Chairman's Breakfast) has been an opportunity to update guests on the work Fulcrum does in partnership with Catholic schools. Located in downtown Seattle, it was difficult for guests to fight traffic and park in time for a breakfast meeting.

As a result, we designed a new plan with the goal of getting out of downtown Seattle by hosting evening gatherings by region, a more convenient and welcoming way for guests to meet us and learn about our mission. Recently, we launched our plan and hosted two regional events: one in the Eastside Deanery at St. Madeleine Sophie School, and one in the Pierce Deanery at All Saints School in Puyallup. We invited schools and parishes in each Deanery to join us. Guests enjoyed the opportunity to tour the host campuses, sample some wine and cheese, and engage with others interested in strengthening Catholic schools.

Both regional events proved to be informative and entertaining. At the recent Eastside Deanery event, supporters of Catholic education enjoyed a campus tour led by St. Madeleine Sophie Principal, Dan Sherman. This was an opportunity to experience firsthand the school's mission "to educate and make community with all of God's children, no matter their economic, ethnic or academic needs." Vice Principal Martine Romero spoke gratefully about the Fulcrum grant that enabled her to participate in the Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program at the University of Notre Dame. The Kenn family from St. Joseph School in Issaquah concluded the evening, sharing their gratitude for Fulcrum's Tuition Assistance and "the opportunity to be part of the Catholic school community."



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Leveraging Support for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle



Photos from the Eastside Deanery Regional Event at St. Madeleine Sophie School, from top, left: the Kenn family, Fulcrum grant recipients; Angela Ensminger, Math Specialist, demonstrating the MimioTeach bar and associated technology in a classroom; Principal Dan Sherman (center) giving a tour of the St. Madeleine Sophie campus; wall of students' photos illustrating the school's diverse and inclusive community.



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The Pierce Deanery event at All Saints School in Puyallup was hosted by Fr. Michael Radermacher (pastor of All Saints Parish and Fulcrum board member) and principal Amy Orm. Campus tours, led by well-prepared 8th grade student ambassadors, showcased the unique qualities of the All Saints School community. Cliff Schlottmann, 8th Grade teacher at All Saints, inspired the guests (and impressed his students!) with heartfelt words about his commitment to teaching in a Catholic school. Holy Rosary Regional School/Juan Diego Academy Executive Director, Stephanie Margetts, spoke of the importance of her school's partnership with Fulcrum. The highlight of the evening was provided by the Gomez-Soto family from HRRS/JDA. Josselyn Gomez-Soto and her mother, Gloria Gomez-Soto, both spoke of the importance of their Catholic education and related, "We are grateful for Fulcrum's support. Holy Rosary is our community, our life and our family."

We appreciate the opportunity to partner on-site with schools and parishes. Many thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to these informative and enjoyable evenings.



Photos from the Pierce Deanery Regional Event at All Saints School, from top, left: the Gomez-Soto sisters and students at HHRS/JDA; guests touring All Saints School; catering crew from Classic Catering; guests and student ambassadors from All Saints; the All Saints student ambassadors.

FULCRUM'S NEW YEAR BEGINS WITH NEW LEADERSHIP

The first Board of Trustees meeting of the year was held on September 18th. This marked the first meeting facilitated by new Chair of the Board, Tony Audino, and provided the opportunity to welcome Diane Kocer, executive director, AGC Education Foundation and Robert Modarelli, III, president at Bellarmine Preparatory School as new members to our very active and engaged board.

We extend many thanks to our board members completing their terms of service, some of whom served since the founding of Fulcrum: Dick Cooley (2002-2015), founding board member; Deacon Larry McDonald (2007-2015); Michael Prato (2007-2015); Very Rev. Michael G. Ryan (2002-2015) founding board member and exiting board chair; Sheila Ryan (2007-2015); Rev. Steven Sallis (2007-2015). These six exiting board members have together given the foundation 58 years of hands-on support and were instrumental in Fulcrum's growth and development, making it the successful and nationally known Catholic educational foundation that it is today.

We are fortunate to have some of them continuing their active support in different capacities.

We are sincerely thankful for their generosity of time, expertise and commitment to Catholic education and to our new and returning trustees, we thank them in advance for their dedication and upcoming service.



Robert Modarelli, III



Diane Kocer

STAYING IN TOUCH

SCHOOLS SHARING THEIR NEWS

We are pleased to share what's happening in our archdiocesan schools via short blasts of information that we're calling "Chirps". In this issue we hear from our Catholic schools in the Eastside Region!



AMICI PARTNERS WITH ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

Amici, Fulcrum Foundation's young professionals' group, has partnered with St. Matthew School in north Seattle for the 2015-2016 school year. Having logged 251 hours of service at last year's partner school, they look forward to doing at least the same at St. Matthew.

This year, the group has set a fundraising goal of \$3,000 and plans to clean, fix up, and paint the large portable classroom used primarily for the Extended School Service (ESS) program, as well as to assist in purchasing new furniture for the space. ESS is a vital program at St. Matthew School, providing before- and after-school care to many students while offering a safe place for them to socialize. Amici's efforts will greatly benefit the school community.

Amici kicked off the school year with an enthusiastic group at their first happy hour social at Kell's Pub at the Pike Place Market. Already in the planning stages are a Mardi Gras Trivia Night in February and a spring Kickball Tournament! As you can see, Amici looks forward to a fun and productive year.

For more information or to become a part of Amici, visit www.amiciseattle.org or email info@amiciseattle.org



Top photo: Amici enjoys their kickoff social at Kell's Pub; Photos at bottom: students and workers in the ESS program space



from our Catholic schools in the Eastside Region



EastsideCatholicSchoolBellevue

Students Named National Merit Semifinalists: Elizabeth Bernstein, TJ Mandelkorn, Patrick Brady



ForestRidgeSchooloftheSacredHeartBellevue

Join us! Open House November 17, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. More info: www.forestridge.org or 425-201-2434



HolyFamilyKirkland

"Student Led Achievement Celebration" (SLAC)-students shared with their parents learning achievements and goals



SacredHeartSchoolBellevue

"Raise 'Em Up" auction is in full swing for the March 5, 2016 event. November 7 Open House from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.



StBrendanBothell

Already preparing to celebrate 50th Anniversary with an alumni & community event March 11, 2017
#50YearsofFaithfilledEducation



StJosephSchoolIssaquah

Very proud of the students, teachers and parents that represented St. Joseph School Issaquah in the Issaquah Salmon Days Parade! First Place: Schools Group!



StLouiseSchoolBellevue

Student Olivia Manning received a math-based scholarship from the Raytheon Company, and the school received a matching \$1,000 grant toward improving STEM!



StMadeleineSophieBellevue

School celebrated their annual Move-A-Thon on Friday Oct. 9 with Gold and Silver medal winning Olympian Anna Cummins!



StMonicaSchoolMercerIsland

6th spent 5 days at Science Camp—Marine Bio, Wildlife Ecology, Ornithology and Estuary Cycle! #dissecting #handslearning #bonding



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Annual Drive 2015 is Under Way!

By now you should have received our Annual Drive mailing. Your gift does make a difference by fueling our ability to help families realize their dreams of an excellent and transformative Catholic education for their children.

Give a gift. Impact a student. Watch success unfold!

Use the form enclosed in your Annual Drive mailing or make your gift directly online at www.fulcrumfoundation.org/donation

\$2 Million distributed through all tuition assistance programs

\$635k distributed through the Assistance to Schools in Need program

1765 students received tuition assistance grants last year

16 educators received grants for classroom development or leadership formation

\$84 Million assets under management

Streamlining Fulcrum's Tuition Assistance Program Application

Beginning this fall, Fulcrum is partnering with FACTS to manage the collection and processing of Hossfeld Tuition Assistance Program applications. This is a necessary and important change for the continued growth and success of the program. FACTS is able to efficiently collect and analyze the thousands of applications submitted annually in more detail and much quicker than Fulcrum would ever be able to do on their own.

All stakeholders—families, schools and Fulcrum—will benefit from this change. Gone are the days of paper applications and emailed spreadsheets. Families will fill out and submit their application entirely online using a desktop computer, a tablet or even a smart phone. In addition, FACTS provides customer service for families via phone and live chat in both English and Spanish. All of this means less time and resources at the school level to administer the program. Although FACTS gathers and processes the applications, award decisions will still be made by Fulcrum and are based on financial need.

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