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Surrounded by their community, Fulcrum Scholar, Isabella (third from the left) & her mother Lily are introduced to guests at Celebration of Light by Antonio DeSapio (center), President of Bishop Blanchet High School. Also pictured: (far left) Fr. Steve Sallis, former Fulcrum Trustee & current pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Bellevue; (right) Brian Anderson, principal of St. Benedict School; Colleen Reinhardt, Tuition Assistance Application Coordinator at Bishop Blanchet High School.

LEVERAGING SUPPORT for CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Celebration of Light 2018: A Community That Raised \$1.5 Million

February 9th was truly a celebration of Catholic education and a testament to the tight communities that it's capable of forming. This year's Celebration of Light gala raised \$1.5M, the second highest in Fulcrum's history. Nearly 1,100 supporters gathered at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel to support Fulcrum's mission and to witness firsthand the impact that Catholic education has on families from all walks of life.

From impactful stories to pre-function photo booths, guests enjoyed each other's company and treasured the opportunity to gather with others sharing the same passion. It was an evening full of emotion and left many with the desire to do more.

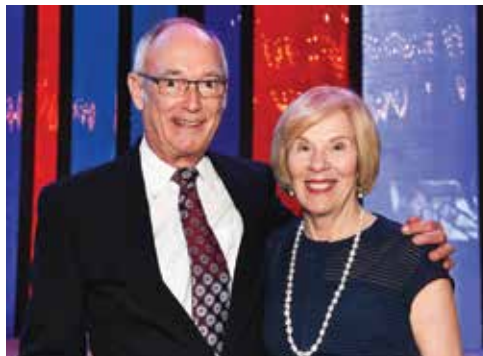
Steve Raible emceed the program portion of the evening and Archbishop J. Peter Sartain presented two Archbishop Awards, recognizing outstanding benefactors of Catholic schools. The evening culminated in the presentation of the powerful story of Isabella, a student whose life was uplifted by the support of her school and parish communities—ones that

provided her with hope and stability through very challenging family circumstances.

Joe and Mary Magnano

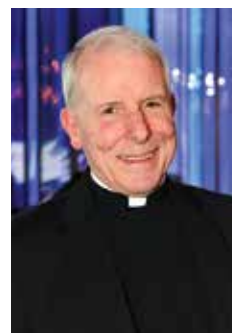
Archbishop Award 2018

Joe and Mary are long-time supporters of Fulcrum. Their visionary philanthropy launched Fulcrum's first leadership program over 10 years ago, providing much-needed tuition support so aspiring Catholic school principals could earn their master's degree at the University of Notre Dame, and more recently, at the University of Portland. The Magnano Scholars Tuition Assistance Program provides special support for single parent families who desire a Catholic education for their children. Joe is the owner of The Napoleon Co., and Mary currently serves as a substitute teacher and tutor at Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart.



Very Rev. Michael G. Ryan

Archbishop Award 2018



Fr. Ryan is the beloved pastor of St. James Cathedral, and has served the St. James community in that capacity since 1988. Through his leadership at St. James

Cathedral and throughout the broader community, Fr. Ryan has secured funding for students who would not otherwise be able to attend Catholic school and supported programs that strengthen Catholic schools in some of the most challenged neighborhoods in Seattle. Most notable are the Cathedral Scholarship Program and Rainbow Schools Program supporting Catholic schools in south Seattle.

As a founding board member of the Fulcrum Foundation, and then as Chair of the Board from 2009 to 2015, Fr. Ryan provided key leadership to the Foundation from the very beginning. Perhaps more than any official leadership role, Fr. Ryan's genuine interest in others continually drew good people into this great work and essential ministry of Catholic education. (cont. page 2)



2018 Celebration of Light Sponsors

We are proud to recognize the sponsors of this year's gala. Their support allowed this event to be completely underwritten, meaning 100% of gifts given that evening will support our mission. We thank them for their generosity and helping to make this celebration one of the greatest evenings ever for Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

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Isabella's Story

Together We Can Make a Difference for Many

Isabella is a hard working freshman at the University of Washington, happy and thriving on campus, and busy with sorority life. Her path was not an easy one and at times life's uncertainty and trials were heavy—but the communities at St. Benedict, Bishop Blanchet High School, and Fulcum brought her and her mother strength and hope for the future.

Kristin Dixon, Superintendent of Catholic Schools said it best, "... while Isabella's story is unique, every teacher, principal and pastor in our Archdiocese could share a similar story of challenge and hope. Pastors, teachers, administrators, and each one of you through Fulcrum, work together to transform lives. Working

My sincerest thanks for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you so generously give to Catholic education. These are gifts that are not unwrapped and then forgotten by those who receive them. They are appreciated and put to use by students who go to school every day, striving to achieve their goals, while also learning to love like Christ. It gives students the tools, guidance, and faith to become impactful leaders. Your contribution to Fulcrum helps families give the gift of Catholic education to their own children. These gifts are not wasted, they only keep giving. It is with your support that I and many students of all the Catholic schools were able to continue our education in an environment rooted in the same values.

—Isabella

together, we make a difference in Isabella's life, and in the lives of so many in every one of our schools."

To view the video of Isabella's story, go to [YouTube.com/fulcrumfoundation](https://www.youtube.com/fulcrumfoundation).



Spotlight on a Leader

Anna Horton, Principal
Holy Rosary School, West Seattle



I began my career as a public school principal, and as I reflect on this past year and all I have learned, I am so grateful that the Holy Spirit gave me the nudge to

become a Catholic school principal at Holy Rosary School.

As a first-year Catholic school principal, I had the opportunity to participate in the Leadership Academy supported by the Office for Catholic Schools and the Fulcrum Foundation. The Academy is an outstanding opportunity for new Catholic school principals to receive mentorship during their first year, as well as supporting aspiring principals. Even though I was fortunate to come into

my current position with experience as a public school principal, I still had much to learn. The opportunity to come together with others who were learning the ins and outs of Catholic school leadership, to ask questions and to seek guidance, was invaluable to me as a new principal.

I am lucky in my current role to see my own kids throughout the day at Holy Rosary School, joining hands and praying with their friends, excitedly working on service projects, or engaging in top-notch, rigorous academic work. I see teachers supporting them, challenging them, and loving them. I see all of the children in our school loving one another, as Jesus teaches us to. And because of this, I know how important it is that we expand and continue to give the gift of Catholic education to others. I am so grateful for the work of the Fulcrum Foundation in supporting our Catholic schools. I believe Catholic education is one of the key ways we can respond to the many needs, challenges, and ills in the world today. Our children today will be the

decision-makers of tomorrow. It is our responsibility to ensure they build a solid foundation to make the right choices in a challenging, changing world.

Leadership Academy Snapshot*

114

teacher-leaders identified from all schools in the Archdiocese in the candidate pool

15

Aspiring educators presently in the Leadership Academy

6

graduates of the Leadership Academy are now principals in the Archdiocese of Seattle

**the Leadership Academy is now in its 3rd year*



Check out our *Celebration of Light 2018* and SnapBar photo albums on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fulcrumfoundation.

Both of the evening's videos are found on our YouTube channel at www.YouTube.com/fulcrumfoundation.

St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic School Has a Special Olympian!

The 2018 USA Special Olympics Games is scheduled to take place in Seattle this summer. Just recently it was announced that Frannie Ronan, a gymnast and 2nd grader at St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic School in Bellevue, will be competing as the youngest athlete in the games. The Games, held July 1-6, 2018, will be the biggest sporting event to hit the Seattle area in more than 25 years.

Frannie will be one of 200 athletes from Washington state to compete in a field of 17,500 individuals from across the country. She will compete in floor exercise, bars, vault and balance beam. We are so proud of her—Go Team Frannie!



Frannie with Martine Romero, Associate Principal at St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic School

Special Olympics Needs 1,000 Volunteers from the Archdiocese!

This year, the Archdiocese of Seattle is a committed partner in the games, and with the cooperation of several ministries (Fulcrum Foundation, CYO, Knights of Columbus, Inclusion Ministry), has committed to provide volunteers on the following dates: **June 29, 30 and July 1.**

SIGN UP BY APRIL 15

www.SpecialOlympicsUSAGames.org/catholic-schools-volunteers
Use Access Code: **SPIRIT2018** to unlock your volunteer options.



A Time of Transition



Anthony Holter, Fulcrum's executive director since 2013, recently accepted a position as managing partner at Empower Illinois—an innovative non-profit focused on expanding quality education options for low-income and

working-class families through Illinois' tax credit scholarship program. This ground breaking work is at the core of his commitment to increasing access to opportunity through excellent education, and brings Anthony, his wife Caroline, and their three children back home to their extended family.

During his time at Fulcrum, Anthony's ability to build strong and authentic relationships with the Office for Catholic Schools, school leaders, and the Fulcrum family, propelled the development of a first of its kind leadership academy for aspiring Catholic school leaders, and brought

significant growth in annual fundraising and record setting totals at the Celebration of Light.

Anthony will remain connected as a trustee—an opportunity made possible by a unanimous vote of the board and an enthusiastic appointment from Archbishop Sartain. Tony Audino, Chair of the Board of Trustees said, "I take no small amount of solace in knowing that Anthony will always be a member of the Fulcrum family and do whatever he can to advocate for and foster our worthy cause."

Fulcrum has selected Julie Coleman as its Interim Executive Director. "Archbishop Sartain and I are both very pleased to announce Ms. Coleman's interim appointment," said Tony Audino. "We are thrilled to have Julie join our team." She brings a wealth of leadership, management, and institutional advancement after over 25 years working in the philanthropic industry, focusing primarily on Catholic education.

After receiving her Masters Degree in Transformational Leadership from the Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry, Julie co-founded the *Grace Foundation* with Fr. Jean Baptiste Ganza, S.J., Provincial of Rwanda and Burundi. She recently returned from Rwanda commemorating the completion of St. Ignatius School which serves 1,000 students in first through twelfth grade.



"Being at the Fulcrum Foundation feels like coming home," said Julie. "I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity to work with so many smart

and dedicated individuals who share my same passion of making Catholic education accessible. I look forward to building upon the work of those who have gone before me as we continue to leverage financial assistance and school partnership grants, especially for the marginalized and underrepresented minorities in our communities."