



COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund Impact Report

AN UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS

The Fulcrum Foundation COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund has disbursed over \$4.6 million in funds to 63 schools. This unprecedented effort to support schools through the COVID-19 pandemic was made possible by the inspiring generosity of Fulcrum donors who came together as a community to make a difference for Catholic schools, educators, and students in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

A CALL TO ACTION

In March 2020, Governor Inslee closed school buildings to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. As schools moved to remote learning platforms, the Fulcrum Board of Trustees approved a COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund, releasing \$1 million from investments to establish the fund.

"Fulcrum wanted to remove some of the burden and uncertainty for schools in the 2020-2021 school year," said Vivian

Shannon, executive director of Fulcrum. "We were overwhelmed by the response from our donors, who proved once again the strength and resilience of our Catholic community!"

AN OUTPOURING OF GRATITUDE

The aid sent to archdiocesan schools made an enormous impact. "When Fulcrum shared the details of the COVID-19 Relief Fund with the principals, many described this fund as 'manna from heaven!'" said Kristin Dixon, the superintendent for Catholic schools. "Truly, we are so very grateful for the work of the Fulcrum Foundation on behalf of our schools during these extreme times."

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Archdiocesan schools were given a broad scope to determine their funding priorities. COVID-19 Fund grants helped cover tuition assistance for families, PPE to protect staff and students, new technology to meet the challenges of remote learning, and capital improvements to accommodate social distancing requirements.

COVID FUNDING CATEGORIES



COVID funding categories included PPE, tuition assistance, technology upgrades, and capital improvements.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL,
VANCOUVER, WA:

How did Our Lady of Lourdes School use the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund grant?

“We used the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund to provide the best education possible while meeting the COVID-19 protocols. With the ability to follow the teacher around the classroom, Swivl cameras improved participation and interactivity, plus the ability to accommodate students at home. With extra staffing, we were able to bring both cohorts back into school.”



What would you like to say to Fulcrum donors who made the COVID Fund possible?

Here are some quotes from Our Lady of Lourdes parents about the effects of the COVID-19 Fund:

“Looking forward to the continued positive effects on attitude and effort. Socialization has lifted his spirits. Much happier and excited about school. Homework has become easier.”

“The hybrid model has helped tremendously with social growth, and that is what the spring (of 2020) was lacking. I think OLL has found a good balance between social opportunities and safety.”

“My daughter is much better now that she is in school a couple of days a week. The stress of being home was very hard on her. She thrives in the school environment.”

Catholic schools have overcome so many things this year. What are you most proud of your school community accomplishing this year?

“We are most proud of two aspects: our MAP scores and our service during this time.



Our most recent MAP scores showed every grade scored above the national norm in every subject area. Our students have remained engaged, thriving, and successful, even the students who remain at home. We have also completed various food drives and a Lent service project delivering water bottles to our neighboring school.”

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL,
VANCOUVER, WA:

How did Seton Catholic use the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund grant?

“Seton Catholic remains extremely grateful to the Fulcrum Foundation for their generous COVID-19 relief grant this past fall. Since September, Seton Catholic has been open for hybrid learning, inviting at first 50% of the students to campus each day for in-person learning. Beginning March 1, Seton Catholic welcomed 75% of its student body daily and then on April 12, 100% of students could attend in-person learning if comfortable.”

What would you like to say to Fulcrum donors who made the COVID Fund possible?

“The words ‘thank you’ in no way express just how grateful we are to the donors who have made these COVID-19 relief



grants possible for our school. The anxiety and stress that melts away from our administration because of these funds creates a sense of relief in an always-changing academic environment. From our community in Vancouver, WA to everyone who supports the Fulcrum Foundation, thank you for your sacrifices to support our Catholic schools in Western Washington.”

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“At Seton Catholic, we are most proud of our students, faculty, and families who have persevered and created the best school year possible for our community. In some ways, our school has not missed a beat with the programs that we have offered to our students. As a Catholic high school, it has given our administration and staff such joy to be able to see our students each day and to know that they have the opportunity to learn and be engaged with each other in a normal-ish high school environment.”



GLOBAL NUMBERS

Even as more Americans gain access to the life-saving vaccine, the global toll of the pandemic continues. As of May, 150 million COVID-19 cases and 3.15 million deaths were reported worldwide. We must continue to take care, follow safety protocols, and look out for one another.

HOW OVER \$4.6 MILLION IN EMERGENCY RELIEF WAS AWARDED

The rollout of the Covid-19 Emergency Relief Fund swiftly unfolded with the help of focused efforts on behalf of the archdiocese, the Office for Catholic Schools, and the Fulcrum Foundation.



Empower Your Legacy

What kind of legacy do we want to leave behind?

The Fulcrum Foundation Legacy Society empowers donors to create a legacy of giving that will support students in the Archdiocese of Seattle for generations to come. Members of the Legacy Society include Fulcrum in their estate plans, ensuring that their philanthropic priorities will be continued long into the future.

Mary Ann Boulanger and her late husband, Dick, supported Fulcrum from the very beginning. “In 2002, we were honored when Archbishop Brunett asked for our support with the inception of the Fulcrum Foundation,” Mary Ann said. “There had never been a coordinated way to promote and support Catholic education in the archdiocese before.”

Mary Ann and Dick were both products of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Seattle. They felt blessed that their children, grandchildren, and great-



We plant the seeds that one day will grow...

grandchildren have also experienced the privilege of Catholic education. For the Boulangers, it was important to continue supporting the education system that had given them so much.

That’s when they joined Fulcrum’s Legacy Society. “By naming the Fulcrum Foundation as a beneficiary in our will, Dick and I will continue to support Catholic education for future generations to come. And we are honored to do so.”

To learn more about including Fulcrum in your estate plans, contact Conne McGlynn Bruce at conne.bruce@fulcrumfoundation.org.

Becraft Scholars Program Starts Strong!

Fulcrum’s new Becraft Scholars Program is underway! The equity-driven scholarship program has already selected its first cohort of students and has begun plans to accept a second cohort for the following school year.

Created with the Ferry Family Charitable Foundation, Becraft Scholars provides a pathway of access to Catholic education while partnering with archdiocesan schools to foster a culture of belonging with a focus on Black and African American students and families.

Each year, the program will recruit cohorts of 12 kindergarteners and make a nine-year commitment to their families to provide a \$5,000 annual scholarship. Schools that partner with Becraft Scholars commit to studying student data and making targeted improvements in school practice or policy to foster a more inclusive culture for all students.

The program is headed by Alana Bell, who comes to Fulcrum with extensive experience in equity-driven work. Alana was the director of equity and inclusion at Seattle Academy, where her focus was building community and creating equitable systems. Alana has also worked with organizations such as the Seattle CARES Mentoring Movement and Partners for Youth Empowerment.

For more information about the Becraft Scholars Program, contact Alana Bell at alana.bell@fulcrumfoundation.org.

Remembering Dan Twining

Fulcrum remembers Dan Twining, who passed away on March 27, 2021. Dan served on the Board of Trustees from 2011-2020 and served on the Distribution Committee during his tenure at Fulcrum. Dan was an active member of the community at St. Luke School and Seattle Preparatory School, where his four kids attended.

"One of the things I appreciated most about Dan is that he always walked around the office after a meeting and checked in with every staff member," said Conne McGlynn Bruce, Fulcrum's advancement director. "He always had kind words and wanted to support us any way he could. He was such a great man."

Thank you for everything you did for Fulcrum, Dan. You will be sorely missed.



Mark this milestone!

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**Celebration
of Light**

Fulcrum's 20th annual gala is happening this coming January. For sponsorship opportunities and information, contact Events Manager Nicole Gummow at nicole.gummow@fulcrumfoundation.org.