



20th Anniversary Celebration of Light *Banquet at the Ballpark*

Join Us!

Fulcrum is thrilled to announce the Celebration of Light 2022 fundraising gala will be held on May 20, 2022 at T-Mobile Park for Fulcrum's 20th anniversary! Friends of Fulcrum are invited to gather in person to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of Catholic schools, students, and educators throughout Western Washington.

While the Celebration of Light is typically held in January, Fulcrum moved the event after consulting with Archbishop Paul D. Etienne to follow health mandates during the COVID-19 pandemic. The new date and location will allow Fulcrum supporters to gather safely outdoors in a socially-distanced manner.

This will still be the same Celebration of Light we all know and love! Come in cocktail attire to our banquet at the ballpark, enjoy a wonderful meal served on tables on the field with Fulcrum friends, and show your support for Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Seattle! The foundation is grateful for all we have accomplished together. Fulcrum has had much to celebrate over the past 20 years, thanks in large part to the donations gathered each year at the Celebration of Light.

Donations from the Celebration of Light fuel all programs at Fulcrum. In the past

20 years, our programs have expanded to include building leadership capacity, early childhood education, and the Becraft Scholars Program. In the last two years, donations have allowed Fulcrum to increase funding to schools, helping them navigate these difficult times.

If you would like to support our programs through the Celebration of Light, please use the enclosed envelope. All donations will count toward our fundraising goal and continue to keep Catholic schools excellent and accessible. Donations to the Celebration of Light may also be made on May 20 at the event.

We can't wait to celebrate with you! Keep an eye out for more updates about the Celebration of Light, including a mailed invitation and some upcoming emails! For more information about our gala, contact Nicole Gummow, events manager, at nicole.gummow@fulcrumfoundation.org.

Share the Celebration

When sharing pictures of the evening on your social media accounts, please use the following event hashtags:

- #BanquetAtTheBallpark
- #Fulcrum20th
- #FulcrumGala2022
- #CatholicSchools
- #CelebrationOfLight2022

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Friday, May 20, 2022

T-Mobile Park
1250 1st Avenue South
Seattle

Cocktail Attire


Registration
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.


Hosted cocktail reception
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.


Dinner and program
7:00 p.m.


#Fulcrum20th

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Archbishop's Award to Be Presented to Catholic School Educators and Staff

Each year, the Fulcrum Foundation recognizes the outstanding benefactors of Catholic education at the Celebration of Light by presenting the Archbishop's Award. This award affirms that the 72 schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle remain viable and continue to thrive thanks to the generosity of those who support them.

This year, the 2022 Archbishop's Award will be awarded to all teachers, staff, and principals serving in archdiocesan schools who—with the support of the Office for Catholic Schools—went above and beyond to continue educating students throughout a global pandemic. The award will be



officially presented at the Celebration of Light on May 20, 2022 at T-Mobile Park.

Catholic educators and staff members have worked tirelessly on the frontlines to bring the classroom to their students



whether they were learning online, in a hybrid model, or in person. They continuously adapted to changing health mandates and classroom needs, always putting their students first.

We cannot thank them enough for their herculean efforts in creating safe learning environments for Catholic school students!



Building a Culture of Inclusion for All Students

by Becraft Scholars Program Director Alana Bell

When we are called to serve, the greatest thing we can do is answer.

In the summer of 2020, as the nation took to the streets after the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Richard Ferry felt God's call to serve the Black community. We need to respond to this call, he told his grandson, Quentin Orem, the executive director of the Richard and Maude Ferry Foundation.

Within months, the Ferry Foundation partnered with Fulcrum to create the Becraft Scholars Program, an equity program that builds a pathway of access to Catholic education with a focus on Black and African American students and families.

No one embodied this way of living more than my late grandfather, Sam Cook. A Black man from Greenville, Mississippi, who lived much of his life in Seattle's Mount Baker neighborhood, my grandfather was a lifelong Catholic committed to making education accessible for all people. He



made an impact on countless young men and women from all backgrounds and walks of life.

When I learned about the Becraft Scholars Program, I felt the call to continue my grandfather's legacy and expand my ability to serve my communities. Unfortunately, personally and professionally, I have experienced the disparities for Black children within the education system.

The National Center for Education Statistics reports that the achievement gap between Black and white students nationwide has not been closed — with contributing factors such as educator bias and lack of opportunity in the classroom. Children as young as 4 can show racial and gender bias, meaning the process of creating change must start at a young age.

The Becraft Scholars Program accepts 12 kindergarteners each year and will provide their families with \$5,000 annual scholarships throughout their K-8 experience. However, it is not enough to simply provide scholarships without ensuring a loving and caring environment where students and families can thrive. Therefore, I work with school principals to strengthen cultures of inclusion that benefit all students and families.

My grandfather's life is my guiding light in leading the Becraft Scholars Program — a call to help people, care for people, and, most of all, love people. All of them.

Fulcrum Announces \$6.5 Million Early Childhood Education Endowment



Fulcrum is thrilled to announce a new \$6.5 million Early Childhood Education Endowment. This endowment began through the vision of Dick and Sharon Abrams, long-time supporters of the Fulcrum Foundation, and grew through the generosity of other believers in the power of early childhood education and the performance of our archdiocesan schools.

Fulcrum's work in early childhood education is spearheaded by Dave Mayer, the Fulcrum-funded director of early childhood education at the Office for Catholic Schools (OCS). Under Dave's leadership—and with the staunch support and dedication of Kristin Dixon, the superintendent for Catholic schools—35 archdiocesan schools received funding in 2020-2021 to enhance both their indoor

and outdoor programming, while giving staff the opportunity for professional development.

"This is a watershed moment for our preschools. The endowment will provide significant increased financial support to the 56 archdiocesan preschools educating over 1,700 students," said Dave. OCS plans to use the endowment to provide comprehensive curriculum to early learning programs; offer preschool tuition assistance; fund teacher professional development, certificates, and degrees in early education; and support facility expansion and licensing.

Fulcrum's early childhood education support originated through grants from an endowment at the Seattle Foundation funded by a group of donors that included the Abrams. In January 2022, the endowment at the Seattle Foundation was consolidated into the Fulcrum Early Childhood Education Endowment. The endowment will also expand current early

learning programs, allowing more families to enroll in early childhood education in our Catholic schools.

The Abrams decided to invest in early childhood education after research and discussions with educators and parents made it clear that the biggest educational impact could be made with early learners from birth to age five. The Abrams believe that all children should have access to early learning programs which provide a critical head-start to young children in their most formative years. Mr. Abrams—along with many other donors, the leadership of Fulcrum, and OCS—envisions that the program will benefit the children of Western Washington and, with continued growth, become an exemplary program, admired and respected across the country.

To learn more about the endowment and how you can contribute, contact Julie Coleman, managing director of the Uplift campaign, at julie.coleman@fulcrumfoundation.org.



Remembering Ty Scheumann: Catholic School Champion and Fulcrum Supporter



Theiline (Ty) Scheumann, a prominent local philanthropist and long-time supporter of Fulcrum, passed away on December 30, 2021. She was 90 years old.

Mrs. Scheumann's life had an incredible impact on the community as a volunteer and philanthropist. Her volunteer work included the Seafair volunteer board to celebrate Seattle's centennial in 1951-52,

the Junior League, and the Seattle Art Museum. She gave generously to local charities and organizations, changing so many lives for the better.

Mrs. Scheumann was also a staunch supporter of the Fulcrum Foundation's mission to strengthen Catholic schools throughout Western Washington. "My mom believed strongly in the value of Catholic schools and the education they provide," said Lee Rolfe, daughter of Mrs. Scheumann. "She understood the lasting importance of a good education and the essential nature of cultivating motivated and enthusiastic students and teachers."

"Throughout her long life, Ty Scheumann supported and uplifted our community, leaving an indelible mark on countless lives," said Tony Audino, chair of Fulcrum's board of trustees. "Her commitment

to Fulcrum's mission helped strengthen Catholic education throughout Western Washington, increasing access to our vibrant Catholic schools. Her generous spirit, kind heart, and passion for Catholic education will continue to inspire us for years to come."

Mrs. Scheumann was born in Seattle, WA in 1931 to parents Paul and Theiline Pigott. She lived an adventurous life as an accomplished hunter, fisherman, pilot, and sailor. Mrs. Scheumann also rode and bred thoroughbred horses, and was honored by the Washington Racing Hall of Fame as a horse breeder. A loving mother, Mrs. Scheumann is survived by her five children, 13 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

