Fulcrum Early Childhood Education Endowment

SUPPORTING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

THIS ENDOWMENT SUPPORTS Catholic early childhood learning programs across western Washington in the following ways:

- Tuition assistance
- Facilities grants
- Teacher education/certification/training
- Assessment program
- Curriculum/materials
- Toddler programs
- Staff member to manage the Early Childhood Education Program

WE INVEST in early childhood education because it is well documented that 90% of critical brain development occurs before kindergarten.*

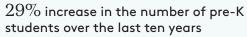**WE KNOW** early childhood education leads to:

- Kindergarten readiness
- Positive effects on language, math and social skills
- Improved K-12 test scores
- High school graduation
- College enrollment
- Less crime
- Less dependence on social services later in life

*Data from www.firstthingsfirst.org

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

29% increase in the number of pre-K students over the last ten years

1,730 total pre-K students

72 Catholic schools in western Washington from Bellingham to Vancouver

22,000 Catholic school students in K–12

99% high school senior graduation rate

Equal in size to the 9th largest school district in the state

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LEVERAGING SUPPORT *for* CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Founded in 2002, the Fulcrum Foundation strengthens the vitality, excellence, and sustainability of Catholic schools through funding and thought leadership.

ABOUT THE ENDOWMENT The Fulcrum Early Childhood Education Endowment helps develop and expand early learning opportunities in Catholic elementary schools across the Archdiocese of Seattle. This endowment is made possible because of the generosity of many individuals who believe in the importance of early childhood education.

The Fulcrum Early Childhood Education Endowment will encompass the priorities of the Fulcrum Foundation and will be developed in partnership with the Office for Catholic Schools.

For information on how you can participate in this exciting partnership, contact Conne McGlynn Bruce, Advancement Director, at 206.748.7989 or conne.bruce@fulcrumfoundation.org.