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Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, Vancouver, WA

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.

STRENGTHENING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN SW WASHINGTON

“Together we can do more” was the theme that inspired a recent gathering of nearly 100 Catholic school supporters at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School in Vancouver, WA. Dr. Diane Cronin, Principal of Our Lady of Lourdes, hosted this first-of-its-kind community event bringing together representatives from each of the six Catholic schools in the region and members of the Fulcrum Foundation.

A hosted reception in the school gymnasium preceded a brief program that was emceed by Dr. Rick Green, a former St. Rose Parishioner, Vancouver-area business owner and Fulcrum Foundation Trustee. Dr. Green spoke about Fulcrum's commitment to support and advocate for Catholic schools and the families they serve throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle—no matter the distance or location—and the potential to do great things for Catholic schools when we all work together.

Anthony Holter and Sue Mecham provided an overview of the Fulcrum Foundation programs that are available to all families, teachers and leaders, and schools, highlighting that in the past decade Fulcrum has awarded over \$1.1 million to Catholic schools and Catholic school families in southwest Washington. Amanda Censtnik and Julie Miller, teachers at St. Joseph School



in Vancouver, were in attendance and shared a personal story about the positive impact of a \$1,500 STAR grant on the teaching and learning in their classrooms.

The official program concluded with a “Question and Answer” session, but the conversation continued for some time afterward among attendees who were inspired to work together in new ways to support Catholic education throughout the region. We wish to thank members of the planning committee, the pastors of the Deanery, and the many other volunteers who made this event possible. It was such a complete success that we are looking forward to expanding these gatherings to other regions throughout the Archdiocese and planning an annual event in southwest Washington.

See photos from this event on page 2.



Leveraging Support for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle



Photos from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, Vancouver, WA, during the recent regional Catholic schools gathering

LEGACY GIFT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

This past September, the Fulcrum Foundation received a truly meaningful bequest from the estate of Carson and Elizabeth (“Dode”) Eckmann. The gift is especially memorable because the Eckmann’s nieces, Diane Bunce and Mary Halverson, hand delivered the check for \$2.1 million to the Fulcrum office.

Many years before, the Eckmanns had thoughtfully decided to include Catholic schools in their estate plans. Dode and Carson were founding members of St. John Vianney Catholic Church; they were active not only in parish ministries but loved many outdoor activities, especially sailing. As they had no children of their own, another passion was supporting the Catholic education of their nieces and nephews. They realized many more families desire a Catholic education for their children, but the cost of tuition could be an obstacle.

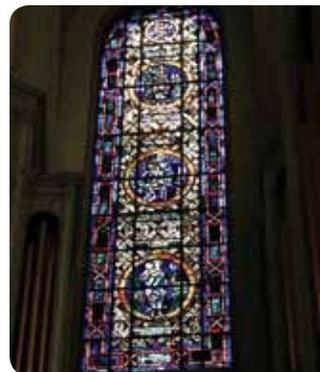
Fr. Michael G. Ryan, chair of Fulcrum’s board, was a close family friend of the Eckmanns and fondly recalled many wonderful times

spent with them. He celebrated the bequest at a special lunch with Diane, Mary, Anthony Holter and Sue Mecham.

Diane Bunce, her sister Mary and their siblings are all graduates of Assumption School (now Assumption-St. Bridget School) and Bishop Blanchet High School. They could not be happier to see Carson and Dode’s generosity live on through Fulcrum’s mission. “We were blessed that Dode and Carson were an important part of our lives. We’re very proud of their decision to help in the Catholic education of students in the Archdiocese,” commented Diane.



Photos: (above) Mary Halverson, Fr. Ryan, Diane Bunce; (right) stained glass window panel in St. James Cathedral donated in honor of Carson and Dode Eckmann in 1994 as part of the cathedral's renovation.



Deacon José Blakeley



David Hovind



V. Rev. Paul Magnano



Bob McLaughlin



Jan O’Callahan

FULCRUM FOUNDATION WELCOMES FIVE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Fulcrum Foundation Board of Trustees met for their annual retreat on September 12th at Kennedy Catholic High School.

Trustees engaged in lively discussions about plans for the upcoming year and Fr. Rowan, attending his last board meeting as superintendent of Catholic schools, provided an update on the strategic plan of the Office for Catholic Schools. Additionally, five new board members were announced: Deacon José Blakeley, Microsoft; David Hovind, Paccar, retired; Very Reverend Paul Magnano, pastor, Christ Our Hope Parish; Bob McLaughlin, Key Bank, retired; and Jan O’Callahan, IT consultant for non-profits.

We are sincerely thankful to them and our returning trustees for their generosity of time, expertise and commitment to Catholic education.

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 Northern Region!

Chirps

from our Catholic schools in the Northern Region



AssumptionSchoolBellingham

Northwest Catholic online recently ran an article on Fr. Scott's NCEA Distinguished Pastor Award.



HolyRosarySchoolEdmonds

Holy Rosary is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. The mayor of Edmonds, David Earling, presented a 50 year proclamation to Sue Venable, Principal.



ImmaculateConceptionRegionalSchoolMtVernon

The 6th, 7th & 8th graders enjoyed a retreat at St. Charles with a focus on community building and leadership. Positive experience!



ImmaculateConception/OurLadyofPerpetualHelpSchoolEverett

OLPH Parish Booster Club hosted the Everett Sausage Festival. Proceeds go directly to support Catholic education at the school.



StMarkParishSchoolShoreline

Busy fall! Jog-A-Thon, Entertainment Book Sale, Halloween Party and All Saints Day Mass.



StMaryMagdalenSchoolEverett

The students in grades 1-4 began the year in a newly remodeled state-of-the art primary wing. Parish master plan includes the building of a new church.



StMichaelSchoolSnohomish

The Second Annual Garage Sale was a HUGE success, raising \$4,600 for the school. Funds go toward supporting school activities and events for the students.



StPiusXCatholicSchoolMountlakeTerrace

Fr. Cal Christiansen school pastor and coach has an award winning Cross Country Team. The team received the "Blessed Pope John Paul II Spirit of CYO Athletics Award", 2013. This fall— 40 runners!



StThomasMoreSchoolLynnwood

All were welcome to Blessing of the Pets on the lawn of St. Thomas More Parish. Father Thumbi blessed the students, parishioners and neighbors pets. Students offered donated items to PAWS.



ArchbishopThomasJMurphyHighSchoolEverett

AMHS Volleyball Team Promoted Breast Cancer Research with the 6th annual "Dig for a Cure" on Tuesday September 30th. All proceeds benefitting the American Cancer Society.

AMICI PARTNERS WITH ST. BERNADETTE PARISH SCHOOL

Amici, the Fulcrum Foundation's young professionals' group, has partnered with St. Bernadette Parish School in Burien for the 2014-2015 school year, and the South Sound group has partnered with Tacoma's Visitation Catholic STEM Academy for a second year. Amici members donate time and energy to partner schools through service projects, fundraisers and networking events.

Already they've made a big impact at St. Bernadette by re-barking the playground and cleaning out the overgrowth and weeds in the enclosed koi pond. Also planned this year is a trivia event, painting at St. Bernadette, a service project at Visitation, a Speaker Series event, and Amici South Sound Night Out at a Tacoma Rainiers game (just to name a few activities)!

The biannual Amici Trivia Night was held at the World Sports Grille at the end of October where teams of six competed for prizes and the chance to be called champions (until spring)! The event raised \$600 and benefitted St. Bernadette Parish School. South Sound Amici will be hosting their first trivia event Thursday, November 13th at Treos. Early registration is encouraged and available through our Facebook page or under "Events" at amiciseattle.org.



An enthusiastic Amici crew executes a successful day of garden clean up and playground beautification at St. Bernadette Parish School in Burien in September.



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Photos from Visitation Catholic STEM Academy, Tacoma, during their STEM lab Open House for key supporters last month.



2014 ANNUAL DRIVE

Did you know that 100% of high school seniors who received Fulcrum Foundation grants graduated last spring? Discover more impressive facts inside the recent "You Make the Difference" mailing.

Give to the 2014 Fulcrum Annual Drive today and make a difference!

You may donate online at www.fulcrumfoundation.org/donate or scan this QR code with your smartphone to go directly to our online donation page.



FAMILY MEMBERS

As the holidays approach, we are all especially grateful for our family and friends. Many of us consider nonprofit organizations, like the Fulcrum Foundation, part of our extended family. The next time you review your estate plans—or perhaps you are just creating your plans—please consider including a bequest to benefit Catholic schools and their students. The concern and generosity you now direct through your daily activities can be continued forever through a gift in your estate. Your legal advisor can show you how to amply provide for your “human” family and leave something for your “Catholic schools” family as well.



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