



Students at Holy Rosary Regional School/Juan Diego Academy during a dance performance at the *Celebración* gala. Photo by HRRS/JDA parent, Lisa Hepfer (*Lisa Monet Photography*).

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## INCLUSION AND INNOVATION KEY INGREDIENTS IN THE RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

This spring Fulcrum launched the Building Inclusion and Diversity Program to assist schools in increasing ethnic diversity and developing cultural competency. Through this exciting new program, Fulcrum awarded grants to 11 schools to help in their efforts to attract and retain a diverse school community, enhance curriculum, improve school climate and provide professional development for teachers and staff in the areas of cultural competency and diversity training.

All Saints School in Puyallup was awarded a grant to help cover the cost of translating enrollment and marketing materials into Korean. This grant will enable the school to connect with the large Korean Community in South King and North Pierce Counties and welcome them into their school. The school's efforts in this area are aligned with the goals set forth in the Office for Catholic School's strategic plan, *From Strength to Strength*, and with anticipated accreditation goals.

Holy Rosary Regional School/Juan Diego Academy in Tacoma will be sending a team of teachers to Boston College's Two Way Immersion Network (TWIN) weeklong workshop this summer. This workshop will give teachers the chance to learn more about implementation and assessment of the dual language immersion program in their school and provide opportunities to network with other dual language teachers and schools from around the country. Ultimately this opportunity will help the school develop a top-notch curriculum which will aid in marketing the school to potential families.

Fulcrum Foundation's Star Grant Program supports teachers in their efforts to bring innovative initiatives to the classroom by awarding grants of up to \$1,500 to inspired teachers throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle. This spring Fulcrum awarded 16 Star Grants to be used over the next year to bring teachers' creative ideas to life.

From paying bills and reading books to organizing meetings and entertainment, technology is now a part of daily life for most people, including students in our schools. Teachers are continually developing new ways to weave technology into the curriculum and in turn, providing students new and exciting ways to learn.

Gail Wellenstein, Science Department Chair and life sciences instructor at Archbishop Murphy High School in Everett, was awarded a Star Grant this year to aid in her efforts to enhance students' experience of microscope work through the use of Exo Lab microscope cameras attached to iPads. These cameras will enable students to display the images on an iPad, examine, label, and measure the microscopic structures, then take photos. In addition to increasing student engagement and comprehension, this initiative helps the science program at the school to align with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and the Advanced Placement Standards (AP).

We look forward to seeing the impact of the new Building Diversity and Inclusion Program across the archdiocese just as we have seen the impact and success of the Star Grant Program. We are proud to partner with teachers and principals in their efforts to increase academic excellence and accessibility in our Catholic schools!



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## FULCRUM FOUNDATION LEGACY LUNCHEON 2015



On March 19<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual Legacy Luncheon at the Broadmoor Golf Club. The Luncheon was an opportunity for Fulcrum to say thank you to our benefactors and share updates about Catholic schools and ways to support them. This year's event was both informative and entertaining. Guests enjoyed music from the Pope John Paul II High School (JPPII) Jazz Band with music director, Stephen Holland.

The featured guest speaker, JPPII principal Ron Edwards, told the story of the 6-year process of opening a new South Sound high school, with a small but committed group of individuals—in particular, Cecilia Brennan. Along the way they received assistance from Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett, the Archdiocese of Seattle, and the Fulcrum Foundation.

The student speaker, Saul Gurrola, spoke about the importance of his education at St. Rose School in Longview, St. Joseph School in Chehalis, and JPPII. In his own heartfelt words Saul described the unique opportunity of being part of a community “where nobody gives up.” Saul is particularly grateful to the school, an anonymous donor and the Fulcrum Foundation for making his Catholic education financially possible.



The Legacy Luncheon is an opportunity to say thank you to our members and to inform everyone about ways to support Catholic schools through planned gifts. It is also a way for us to share stories, like those of JPPII and Saul Gurrola, who have benefited from the support of Fulcrum Foundation.



## AMICI DELIVERS NEW COLORS TO THE HALLS OF ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

Amici continued their fruitful partnership with St. Bernadette Parish School in Burien into the spring and summer with an assortment of activities. The Fulcrum Foundation's young professionals group helped raise funds for the school and build community among Amici members through the spring edition of their regular trivia event, this time hosted at the Chieftan. Amici organized another successful speaker panel event which took place at the Seattle University Admissions and Alumni building. The proceeds from the event helped raise additional funds for St. Bernadette and also provided an engaging session of thoughtful group conversations. The interactive question and answer format allowed the speakers and the audience to discuss how they pursue faith in personal and professional aspects of their daily lives.

Amici also coordinated a series of service events to deliver a whole new look to the primary hallway of St. Bernadette's elementary building. The refreshing new earthy colors of *Celery Garden Green*, *Ground Nutmeg*, and *Marshmallow White* paint produced a wonderful transformation of the space. Amici members painted the large hallway which stretches the length of the building and the trim around each of its classroom doors over the course of two weekends. The work was made possible with the help of numerous Amici members, a few parents and teachers, and fellow Jesuit alumni through a partnership with Magis and Seattle University on the Jesuit Alumni Day of Service. Witnessing the delight of St. Bernadette students and staff throughout the year at Amici's presence in the parish school community has been a great blessing for Amici members. Amici will soon wrap up this school year partnership and thanks the community for so graciously welcoming the group into their parish school community.



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You may also visit [www.amiciseattle.org](http://www.amiciseattle.org) and [facebook.com/amiciseattle](https://facebook.com/amiciseattle).*



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## Chairman's Circle Dinner

The Fulcrum Foundation Chairman's Circle Dinner was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Chihuly Garden and Glass. The guests enjoyed a beautiful evening with an opportunity to tour the museum and the outdoor garden. Many spent time watching a special glass blowing demonstration in the courtyard.

The Chairman's Circle was created to honor key supporters of the Fulcrum Foundation. Annual donors at the \$1,000 level or higher are invited to the Chairman's Circle Dinner, hosted by the board chair, Fr. Michael G. Ryan. The evening is an opportunity to build community among committed Catholic school supporters, and a chance for Fulcrum board members and staff to personally thank benefactors.

For the evening's main presentation, Father Ryan, Chair of the Board Trustees, reflected on his many years of service to Fulcrum Foundation. He spoke of Fulcrum as "an ever-growing family of true believers who know that together we can do a whole lot more than we can ever do by ourselves". He thanked Fulcrum's founding chair, Father Stephen Rowan, for his positive and visionary thinking. Father Ryan also described his commitment to maintaining and building support for the Rainbow Schools by St. James Cathedral, stating: "I say this, not as a point of pride but as an illustration of the wisdom underlying Fulcrum. We simply have to pull together to keep our schools going."

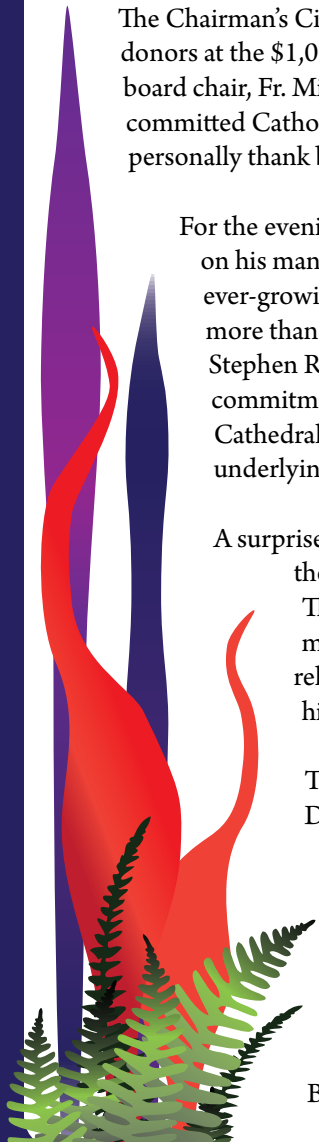
A surprise element of the evening program was a tribute to Father Ryan by students from the Rainbow schools. The students were also St. James Cathedral parishioners. They each spoke gratefully about what Father Ryan and Fulcrum's support has meant to them. In his remarks, Jack Ipsen, sophomore at O'Dea High School related, "When I think of all the fond memories I have of Father Ryan I remember his kindness, his friendliness, his love of both God and others".

The culmination of the evening was when Mary Lee, board member and Development Committee Chair, described Father Ryan's impact on our schools as a pastor, Rainbow School leader, Fulcrum board member and chair of the board. She described him as a "passionate advocate and supporter of Catholic schools" and thanked him for preserving the legacy of Catholic schools.

The Board of Trustees presented a gift of artwork to Father Ryan in recognition of its profound gratitude for his years of service as Chair of the Board of Trustees.



*Thank You*



## ANNOUNCING THE NEW CHAIR OF THE BOARD



We are excited to share the news that Fulcrum has a new Chair of the Board. Archbishop Sartain recently announced his appointment of Tony Audino as the new Chair of the

Fulcrum Foundation Board of Trustees, lauding Tony's capacity to "see the big picture" and his "heart for families who seek the blessings of a Catholic education."

Tony succeeds Father Michael G. Ryan who served as Chair for the past six (6) years. Father Ryan's commitment to Catholic education, connection to the Catholic and broader civic community, and clear and compelling vision for Fulcrum have secured a strong base and clear path forward for the Foundation.

Tony and his wife Michelle are known to many in the greater Seattle area, having moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1987. Michelle and Tony

were both shaped by their experiences growing up in large, Midwestern, Catholic families, and from their own Catholic school educations. Their four children have continued this legacy of Catholic education, attending both Sacred Heart and then Seattle Preparatory School. In addition to their support of Fulcrum, Michelle and Tony have been avid supporters of Sacred Heart, Seattle Prep, Forest Ridge, Catholic Community Services, Seattle Nativity School, and Creighton University.

Tony has been part of numerous entrepreneurial ventures since leaving Microsoft in 1994, and currently serves as founder and CEO of Conenza, a Seattle-based software company. He joined Fulcrum in 2001 as a founding trustee, and has served as the Chair of the Distribution Committee since that time.

We know Tony will take up this new leadership mantle with zeal, propelling Fulcrum forward in our mission to leverage support for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle. We know you'll join us in honoring Father Ryan's commitment and contributions to Fulcrum, and in welcoming Tony as the new Chair of the Board.

## CELEBRATION OF LIGHT RANKED 23<sup>RD</sup> IN THE PSBJ

The Fulcrum Foundation Celebration of Light Gala has been ranked the 23<sup>rd</sup> regional Benefit Event by the Puget Sound Business Journal. PSBJ's annual Benefits Event list ordered nonprofit events according to the amount raised in 2014.

Fulcrum Foundation was proud to be listed again alongside the Northwest's most prominent nonprofit organizations. The Benefits Event list is published each year as part of the PSBJ's comprehensive Book of Lists. Thank you to all the Celebration of Light supporters, including our business partners, who make it possible for Fulcrum to expand the excellence and accessibility of Catholic schools.