



## Summer School at St. George

Summer's here, but the fun is just beginning at St. George Parish School.

St. George offers a five-week academic summer school program for current pre-kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in archdiocese schools, overseen by certified teachers and vetted caregivers from six different schools.

"This isn't regular school," said Monica Wingard, principal of St. George. "It's a little bit of school and a whole lot of fun!"

In the morning students receive support in math, reading, and writing. The class sizes are small—

about 12 students per room—to maximize individual time with the teachers.

"We help kids fill in the gaps and build confidence in the classroom," Wingard said. "The data shows that students who come to our summer school make significant academic gains in September."

And the kids still have time to enjoy their summer. From Friday field trips to afternoons on the playground, St. George's summer school students get the best of both worlds.

"School should be a place that you are excited about," Wingard explained. "We try to make St. George a home away from home."

The summer school began in 2017 with 59 students enrolled. This year the program has over 119 students

from nine different Catholic schools. Tuition for the five-week full-day program is \$1,000, and \$550 for the half-day program. Tuition is kept at a moderate price to encourage socioeconomic diversity. Almost half of the students are supported with tuition assistance from the Fulcrum Foundation through the generosity of Dave and Laura Matter.

"This program is only possible through the generous donations of scholarship funds, particularly from the Matters," Wingard said. "I don't think kids should be disallowed summer experiences because they can't afford it."

Wingard hopes to keep growing the summer program. "I think we're going to need more buses for our field trips this year," she said. "It's a good problem to have."



## 2019 Chairman's Circle Dinner

On May 8, 2019, Fulcrum hosted members of the Chairman's Circle to an annual dinner at AQUA by El Gaucho. The weather was beautiful and guests were welcomed with a cocktail reception to start the evening before moving into the main dining room for dinner.

The evening began with the St. Pius X School Honors Choir, performing *Gloria Deo*. The special performance was a wonderful way to start the evening, as the choir was originally scheduled to perform at Celebration of Light.

Following dinner, attendees heard from Matt DeBoer, principal at

St. Therese Catholic Academy. Matt shared highlights of his accomplishments during the five years since he arrived at the school, noting, "Fulcrum has invested in leadership formation at the teacher and principal levels, and this is making my work not only more effective, but more exciting. Fulcrum has invested in teacher leaders through the GRACE Program and Leadership Academy, and we at St. Therese are benefitting tremendously from these investments."

Chair of the Board of Trustees, Tony Audino, closed out the evening with an inspiring post-

Celebration of Light update, announcing Fulcrum exceeded \$2 million in fundraising in 2019. He noted, "This is a stunning accomplishment for an event that was cancelled due to a snowstorm we won't soon forget."

The Chairman's Circle recognizes donors who make significant gifts to Fulcrum, as well as those who have included Fulcrum in their estate plans. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Fulcrum directly at 206.219.5826.

*To view our entire photo gallery of this event, look for the Chairman's Circle Dinner 2019 folder at [www.facebook.com/fulcrumfoundation/photos](http://www.facebook.com/fulcrumfoundation/photos).*

## Director of Marketing and Enrollment

Fulcrum is pleased to announce that Kristin Moore has joined the team at the Office for Catholic Schools as the Director of Marketing and Enrollment. Kristin worked as the Director of Development and Admissions for St. Mary Magdalen School in Everett for the past six years. Her creativity, innovative marketing, strategic outreach, and partnership development significantly increased enrollment at St. Mary Magdalen, repositioning and strengthening the school for future sustainability.

As the new Director of Marketing and Enrollment, Kristin hit the ground running. She has already met with several schools who face increased



enrollment challenges. Kristin will help archdiocesan schools establish plans to increase enrollment through effective marketing strategies and changes to process, materials, and online presence. Kristin is hosting a summer workshop series for principals, teachers, development directors, advancement directors, and parent volunteers covering important topics impacting enrollment.

The Fulcrum Foundation is pleased to continue and strengthen our partnership with the Office for Catholic Schools by financially supporting this new position. Thank you to Fulcrum donors for making this possible.

# Visiting Schools, Building Relationships

Sometimes simple ideas are the best ones.

That's how Fulcrum's Ambassador Program started: a simple idea.

"We felt that if Fulcrum was all about Catholic education, we should be out in the schools," said Shelley Hovind, chair of the Fulcrum Ambassador Program.

What started as a conversation between Hovind, Fulcrum Communications Manager Stephanie Singler, and former Fulcrum board member Mary Lee, is now a leadership initiative for trained volunteers to build relationships between Fulcrum and western Washington Catholic schools.

In its first year, Fulcrum's ambassadors visited 13 schools, from Port Angeles to Vancouver. The goal was to listen, be stewards of goodwill, and build positive relationships.



Board of Trustees from 2014–2018, and Shelley served on the Development Committee and co-chaired the Events Sub-Committee.

Now, Hovind is excited to take Fulcrum's message directly into Catholic schools.

"The Ambassador Program was the missing piece in our Fulcrum branding effort," said Singler. "This program allows us to deepen and understand our partnerships with schools and parishes with focus and intention."

Before the Ambassador Program, Hovind supported Fulcrum for years. She and her husband, David, chaired the 2013 Celebration of Light and are members of the Fulcrum Legacy Society. David served on the Fulcrum

"We are the face of Fulcrum and our role is to support our Catholic students," Hovind said. "We're building relationships and getting comfortable working with each other. We are so grateful for our ambassador team and for the warm welcome from the schools."

*For more information about the Fulcrum Ambassador Program, contact Stephanie Singler at [stephanie.singler@fulcrumfoundation.org](mailto:stephanie.singler@fulcrumfoundation.org).*

## Investing In the Future

One small action can change a future forever.

In eighth grade, tuition assistance from the Fulcrum Foundation helped Noelle LeDoux-Hernandez switch from public school to St. Therese Catholic Academy.

"It was such a good opportunity for me," LeDoux-Hernandez recalled. "Something that I never thought was possible."

She moved on to Bishop Blanchet High School, where LeDoux-Hernandez graduated with a list of accomplishments: cheer captain, Youth Leadership Team, and AP Spanish—all while participating in Cathedral Choir for 13 consecutive years, once travelling to a Nicaraguan Catholic orphanage, and volunteering at the Skagit Valley food bank.

"Attending Catholic schools enabled my daughter to reach further into the experiences of being a Catholic," said Lisa LeDoux, Noelle's mother. "To contribute to the world as a living example by showing up with an open heart and mind, embracing with the same love, attentiveness, and generosity that has been afforded to her through the Fulcrum Foundation."

Now, at age 19, LeDoux-Hernandez has finished her first year at Loyola University New Orleans, a Jesuit university.

Attending Loyola was important to LeDoux-Hernandez because it offered a rare music therapy major. "I want to be a music therapist and work in the neonatal intensive care unit and in pediatrics," LeDoux-Hernandez explained. "Music therapy can be so beneficial. It can help with rehabilitation, with stress, and so many other things."

Even as LeDoux-Hernandez works toward the future, she remembers where her story began. "If I hadn't gone to Catholic school, I wouldn't be going to the school I'm going to now."



## Celebration of Light: Ranked Among Top Fundraising Galas



Rank	Event	Organization	Amount Raised	Date
18	Celebration of Light	Fulcrum Foundation	\$1.41 million	Feb. 9, 2018

The Fulcrum Foundation's Celebration of Light gala was ranked number 18 by the Puget Sound Business Journal on the Largest Benefit Events, ranked by amount raised in 2018 in Washington State—up from number 22 the previous year! This list was published in their annual Corporate Citizenship issue in May 2019.

Fulcrum is proud to be listed again among the Northwest's most prominent nonprofit organizations.

Thank you to all of the Celebration of Light supporters and sponsors who continue to support the gala and our programs each year and make it possible for Fulcrum to expand the excellence and accessibility of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**January 24, 2020**



**Celebration  
of Light**

**We are now accepting sponsorships for the Celebration of Light 2020.**

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact Nicole Gummow, Event Manager, at 206.748.7983 or [nicole.gummow@fulcrumfoundation.org](mailto:nicole.gummow@fulcrumfoundation.org).