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Sowing the Seeds of Growth

Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope
2016 Report to our Friends



OUR MISSION
The Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope operates solely to provide quality, affordable Catholic education for the children of their inner-city elementary schools and to ensure a vibrant future for these schools and the communities they serve.





We Celebrate Success as We Sow Seeds of Growth

Dear Friends,

Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope was established in 1995 to provide development and financial support to eight Dominican affiliated Catholic elementary schools in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Oakland. Today the seeds of that incredible decision continue to bring new life to our schools and their families. As St. Dominic preached, “We must sow the seed, not hoard it.” This could not be more true than it is today for Vision of Hope.

In this past year, our leadership transition with Sister John Martin has been smooth and seamless with our board, staff, school principals, development boards and you, our faithful friends and supporters. In addition, we welcomed two new members to our Board of Directors, initiated a strategic planning process, and completed our second year of raising over \$1,000,000 for the annual fund. These are wonderful signs that seeds of growth continue to be sown for Vision of Hope.

As Vision of Hope considers its future and the future of our schools, we believe we are called to sow the seeds of innovation and growth. Each year it becomes more and more evident that our schools must not only survive but also must thrive. To achieve this end, urban Catholic elementary schools must adjust to new paradigms in education, funding and leadership. This year’s report illustrates how innovation is shaping Vision of Hope and our schools.

Join us in celebrating the success of this year and thanking all those who have invested in our schools and children. As a partner in Vision of Hope’s mission, know that you are making a difference in the lives of our students and their families today and in the future. May God bless you for your commitment to Catholic education.

Gratefully,

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Vision of Hope Fast Facts

Member Schools

San Francisco

St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception
St. James

Oakland

St. Elizabeth Elementary

Los Angeles

St. Ignatius of Loyola
Sacred Heart
Santa Teresita
St. Michael
St. Frances X. Cabrini

1,800
combined enrollment

25%
of students are from
a single parent
household

89%
Latino
4%
African-American
3%
Multi-racial
2%
Filipino
2%
Asian



65%
qualify for Federal free or
subsidized lunch program

\$1,100,000
allocated in FY 15-16 for
tuition and operating support
to our eight schools

86%
of students receive
tuition assistance

34%
of students receive
tuition assistance from
Vision of Hope



69%
of eighth graders were
accepted to one or more
Catholic high schools

Bay Area Schools Transformed with Gift from Shea Family Charities

Children and staff of Vision of Hope's three Bay Area schools were thrilled to return to their schools in August to see the much anticipated work that was completed over the summer by Shea Family Charities. Fresh coats of paint, repaired bathrooms, new carpet and significant technology upgrades made each school feel new and bright! It is difficult to put into words the impact of this gift for our schools, teachers, students, and their families.

"You can't imagine what your generous donation has meant to our school and our community," Principal Deline Easterday told John and Dorothy Shea and their daughter, Anne Davison, as they toured St. Elizabeth. "We're now the jewel of the Fruitvale neighborhood," she said.

Shea Family Charities has funded major projects in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for more than 20 years. This was their first venture working with Catholic schools in the Oakland Diocese and Archdiocese of San Francisco.

"We hope to do more," said John Shea. "Catholic schools do such a wonderful job educating inner-city children. They need our support."

After visiting the northern VOH schools in January, and seeing their many needs, Anne Davison, who lives in Northern California, spearheaded Shea Family Charities' expansion to the Bay Area. We are most grateful for the many ways Anne has given leadership to this project.

John Shea is president and chairman of the board of the J.F. Shea Company, Inc., an outgrowth of a business his grandfather began in 1887 in Portland, Oregon. The company has sold thousands of homes and completed large commercial construction projects exceeding \$1 billion throughout the U.S.

John and Dorothy Shea are part of Vision of Hope's founding leadership and have remained faithful friends ever since. Dorothy Shea was a member of our Southern Advisory Board and served on the Development Board of St. Francis X. Cabrini School. Over the last decade, our five schools in Los Angeles have received new wiring, painting, building improvements, and technology upgrades. In 2013, the Sheas built a soccer field at St. Francis X. Cabrini in honor of Sister Johnnie!

"We could not be more grateful for John and Dorothy Shea, and for their investments in our Vision of Hope schools," said Executive Director Ann Magovern. "Their leadership and dedication to Catholic schools, especially those that serve the poor, is unmatched."



John and Dorothy Shea with Father Jose Corral and St. James School kindergarten teacher Cynthia Caputo, who said: "As a St. James alum, I am so grateful for your donation. Our school now looks better and the classrooms are more uniform. Being up-to-date helps in marketing to increase enrollment. And the new technology infrastructure improves speed and access, which my kindergarten class uses every day for games, presentations, videos and hands-on learning."



The Sheas received a scrapbook bulging with thank you's from students and teachers at St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School.

All schools repainted!

All new carpeting!

Apple TV for all classrooms!

Our Three Bay Area Schools Thank Shea Family Charities!

New window blinds!

Mac laptops for all teachers!

Sparkling new sinks and bathrooms!

34 Wireless projectors!



Issues Faced by Urban Catholic Elementary Schools Front and Center for Vision of Hope ‘Day of Innovation’

To survive and thrive, urban Catholic elementary schools must adjust to new paradigms in education, funding and leadership. That was the consensus of panelists and participants in the Day of Innovation organized and hosted by Vision of Hope on July 11th at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy in Los Angeles.

“This day is a significant step in Vision of Hope’s strategic planning process,” said Executive Director Ann Magovern in welcoming more than 40 representatives of Catholic education, the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, charitable foundations, board members and Vision of Hope schools.

The program was broadcast live to the Dominican Motherhouse in Fremont, and attendees there actively participated in the discussion. Moderator Carol Enright, who has been serving as facilitator for the VOH board’s strategic planning committee, introduced the panel of experts:

- Kathy Ash, Executive Director of the Catholic Education Fund, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Anthony Galla, Deputy Superintendent for Elementary Schools, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Bishop David O’Connell, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Tara Rolle, Executive Director, Drexel School System, Diocese of San Jose
- Joe Womac, Executive Director, Specialty Family Foundation, Los Angeles

Most Critical Issues

To begin, Enright asked each panelist to answer the question, “What are the critical issues and trends affecting the sustainability of urban Catholic elementary schools?”

Tara Rolle said it is important that schools be necessary and important academically to Catholics, and must be rigorous with proactive messaging.

Joe Womac shared that academic outcomes of inner city Catholic schools have slipped in comparison to charter and other private schools. Reversing this trend should be a major priority.

Kathy Ash advises schools to address their financial model and apply business principles. She noted that as the number of Sisters in teaching positions dwindled, it became more expensive to carry out the mission of serving the poor. “We need to find a sustainable financial model,” she said.

Anthony Galla emphasized that the educational landscape is changing as well as the relationship between pastors and principals. “Effective leadership is where we must funnel the financial support,” he said.

Bishop David O’Connell believes the most critical issue for Catholic education is the breakdown of relationships among families, schools and parish neighborhoods. “Relationships are frozen. The challenge is to restore these crucial relationships,” he said.



L-r: Tara Rolle, Kathy Ash, Bishop David O’Connell, Joe Womac, Executive Director Ann Magovern, Anthony Galla and Vision of Hope Board President Lori Hawkins.

Innovative Models for the Future

As the discussion evolved, innovation and collaboration became the message of the day. Tara Rolle, Executive Director of the Drexel Schools in the San Jose Diocese, gave an overview of its new system of schools.

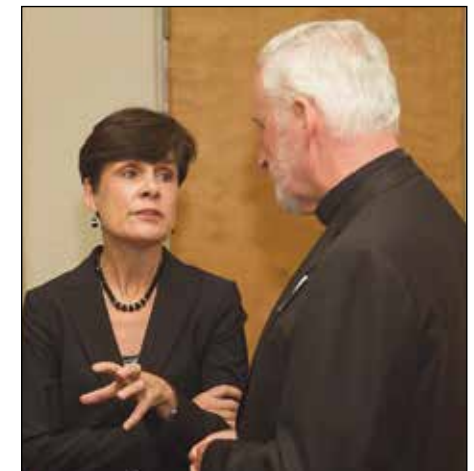
Rolle explained that the Drexel System currently administers seven of the 26 Catholic elementary schools in the San Jose Diocese. Based on a new governance model, the Principals report to the Assistant Superintendent and board, not the pastor.

In addition, the system centralizes the development, marketing and technology functions of their seven schools. Teachers are required to participate in the Blended Learning Training Academy through Santa Clara University. Preliminary results are positive; eighty percent of students are reaching math proficiency.

Recommendations

The panel discussion closed with final recommendations for Vision of Hope. Bishop David O’Connell made the case for building relationships. He challenged us to, “Organize the parents and members of the parish to discuss issues affecting our schools. Train parents and students to become leaders for their school.”

Tony Galla encouraged us to, “Take advantage of professional learning communities. Leadership with innovation, our schools will grow.”



Kathy Ash and Bishop David O’Connell

Celebrating Seeds of Growth and Success

Victoria Martinez is a 2016 graduate of St. Frances X. Cabrini, where she excelled in academics and volleyball.

She applied to and was accepted by Marymount High School, Notre Dame Academy and The Buckley School.

Victoria has chosen to attend The Buckley School, which awarded her an annual scholarship of \$40,000. Because the Sherman Oaks school is far from her home in South Los Angeles, her father will drive her or she'll commute by bus.

Mr. Martinez is grateful to SFXC for preparing his daughter for high school, and said if it



weren't for Vision of Hope, Victoria would not have been able to attend a Catholic school.

Brian Rodas, Class of 1991 at St. Michael School, graduated from Loyola High School and Loyola Marymount University.

He earned a Master's Degree in Math from the University of Maryland and is now a math professor at Santa Monica Community College.

Brian says Catholic schools foster a "sense of love, drive for excellence, and positive character development from the Christ like nurturing atmosphere where people want the best



for you." He feels blessed by the scholarships and financial aid he received throughout his education and is grateful for the many opportunities opened to him.



Lorena Ortega-Guerrero, Class of 2012 at St. Elizabeth Elementary and 2016 graduate of Holy Names High School, received a full scholarship to Yale University.

Lorena was a Vision of Hope Veritas Award winner as a 7th grader. She plans to study history and ultimately wants to pursue a career in medicine.

Sarah Aguirre, a 2016 graduate of St. Ignatius of Loyola, was accepted by La Salle High School and received the four-year full tuition San Miguel Scholarship.

One of four co-valedictorians at St. Ignatius, Sarah graduated with a 4.0 grade point average. She is a volleyball player and now plays on the junior varsity team at La Salle.



Sister Mary Susanna Begins Next Chapter of Dominican Life

Sister Mary Susanna Vasquez, O.P., an educator beloved by faculty, staff, students, parents and the Saint James Catholic School community, is moving on to another chapter in her life after serving as a teacher and principal for 41 years. Beginning with her own elementary school years, Dominican education has been the guiding force of her life.

The daughter of Mexican immigrants, Susanna Theresa was born in the Mission District of San Francisco, attended St. Anthony School (now St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception) and graduated from Immaculate Conception Academy. She attended City College of San Francisco and received a Bachelor of Arts in English from San Francisco State, where she also earned her teaching credential.

“Mom wanted my two brothers and me to have the opportunity of a good education,” she said. “If you had a good education, you would have a good life.”

Sister Mary Susanna taught one year at St. Anthony before entering religious life with the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose. Over her long career, she taught grades 1-2 and 5-8 at Immaculate Conception Elementary and St. James in San Francisco, St. Therese in Portland, Oregon, St. Joseph and St. Leonard (now Our Lady of Guadalupe) in Fremont and St. Catherine Academy in Anaheim.

She was principal of Our Lady of Guadalupe School for five years and for the last 12 years was principal of St. James, one of Vision of Hope’s eight elementary schools.

Sister Mary Susanna believes that Catholic education plays a significant role in the mission of the Church. “Catholic education must remain affordable for the poor and for all who seek to bring gospel values to society,” she says. “Gospel values permeate everything we do.”

Financial sustainability and enrollment — attracting and retaining students — are never-ending challenges for Catholic elementary schools. “Our tuition this year was \$6,200, and even with tuition assistance from Vision of Hope, the Archdiocese and BASIC Fund grants, many families can’t make up the difference,” she says.

The support provided by Vision of Hope is crucial. This past year each of the eight Vision of Hope schools received \$100,000 for tuition assistance and academic programs, such as blended learning and music.

“With Vision of Hope, we’re part of a bigger family,” she says. “The annual Day at Races brings us into contact with many donors and new friends.” That bigger family includes the Dominican Sisters.

Because Catholic schools traditionally support the family and educate the



child, Sister Mary Susanna knows that donating to Catholic education at the elementary level is a good investment. “I will be forever grateful to my sisters for creating the Vision of Hope program, and to the many benefactors and friends who believe in the mission of St. James,” she says.

After preparing her office for the incoming St. James principal, Mr. Alex Endo, Sister Mary Susanna embarked mid-August to hike the 500-mile Camino de Santiago pilgrimage from southern France into Spain with Dominican Sister Francis Clare Fischer and her sister-in-law, Karen Kuestner Fischer.

When she completes the Camino trek in mid-October, Sister Mary Susanna will reside at the motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose and devote her time in service as a recently elected councilor on the Congregational Leadership Team.



Vision of Hope Invests in Training Teachers as Technology Specialists through LMU's School of Education

Through an innovative program offered by the Loyola Marymount University School of Education and with the support of Vision of Hope, two of our Los Angeles elementary teachers are now studying to achieve LMU certification as Technology Integration Specialists.

The professional certificate program is intended to create a pipeline of teacher-leaders in K-12 schools to effectively integrate technology into curriculum, instruction and assessment, in collaboration with administrators and fellow teachers, to

build sustainable change.

Jennifer Hayes-Botello, third grade teacher at St. Michael School, and Christine Douglas, technology instructor at St. Ignatius, have already completed the first of four courses offered over the summer, fall and spring semesters.

During four-hour classes held on Saturdays June 27-August 5 on the LMU Westchester Campus, Jennifer and Christine got an overview of how emerging digital technology impacts curriculum, instruction and assessment.

Christine Douglas

“Being able to take part in the LMU Technology Integration Specialist Certification program is a blessing. I’ve learned how to work with our principal to strengthen a culture of learning in our school and ways to develop methods of using technology to improve student learning and achievement.”

“My professional goal for the first part of the school year is to implement Schoology in our junior high and to use apps such as Goformative and Flipgrid for formative assessments. I am excited to lead our faculty in integrating technology and to show them the wealth of resources that will be a huge asset for our students.”

“Although this will only be my fourth year teaching at St. Ignatius, I have felt embraced by the Dominican Sisters and their charism since my first day. The Dominican Sisters and Vision of Hope are the cornerstone of our school and have done so much to improve our students’ lives in both their faith and their education.”

Jennifer Hayes-Botello

“Thank you, Vision of Hope, for providing an opportunity for me to participate in the technology certification program at LMU.”

“During the summer session, we took an in-depth look at how school climate, culture and instructional leadership are key components when integrating technology into school curriculum. There is a big emphasis on creating a culture for learning through effective staff collaboration.”

“We learned how to use data to identify gaps in achievement and develop a strategy that could potentially close those gaps. We developed a teaching toolkit that addresses problems of practice that teachers face in the classroom, such as engaging all learners, ensuring submission of student work and promoting student collaboration.”

“I have gained so much useful information in the past six weeks. I am looking forward to continued development and support throughout the year.”



Vision of Hope Scholarships

Robert M. Holstein, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

A \$1,500 scholarship is awarded in the fall to two eighth grade students from each of the eight *Vision of Hope* schools who carry on Bob's legacy of being "a person for others."



Recipients Sacred Heart

Mikaela Campos and Dat Nguyen
St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception
Ellias Baugh and David Orellano
St. Elizabeth
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Sister Renilde Cade Memorial Scholarship

The Sister Renilde Cade Memorial Scholarship was established to honor Sister Renilde's compassion, trust and courage. Each spring six incoming eighth grade students are chosen to receive a \$750 scholarship.



Recipients

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Veritas Scholarship

S. Mary Dominic and S. Mary Thomas

Through this tribute, two 8th grade students are selected annually to receive a \$1,500 scholarship award for Courageous and Compassionate Leadership, a hallmark of two outstanding Congregational leaders.



Recipients

Elizabeth Soriano, SAIC
Melissa Castaneda, St. Frances X. Cabrini

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The Kathleen E. Fixa Scholarship was established in tribute to "Mom Fixa's" unyielding generosity and stalwart commitment to Catholic education.



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This scholarship is awarded to a student who exemplifies Sister Johnnie's extraordinary kindness, humility, dedication, joy and commitment to academic excellence.



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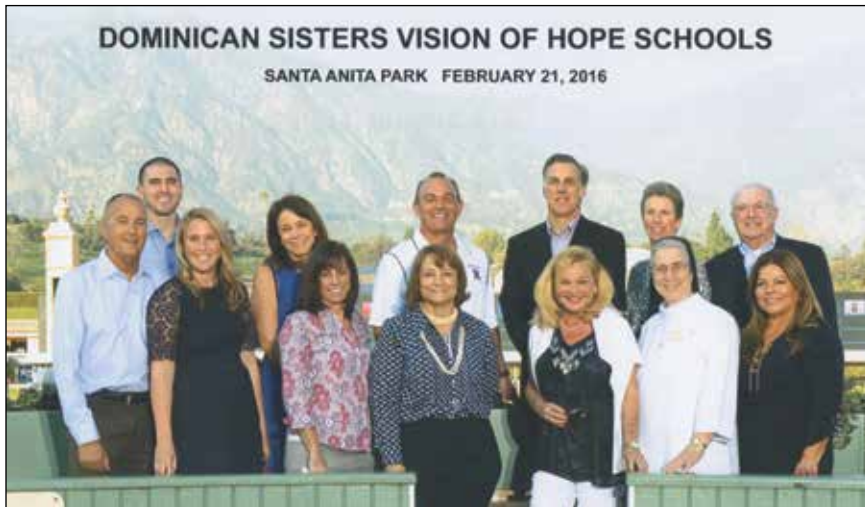
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Schools the Big Winners from Day at the Races



Vision of Hope schools, once again, are the big winners from our Southern and Northern Day at the Races. The sold-out events raised \$141,506, an 18% increase over last year! Fans enjoyed photo-finish races, elaborate buffets, hundreds of silent auction items and, most important, lots of fun.

Thank you to all members of our planning committees in the North and South for their leadership and generosity in making these events such a success. We are also deeply grateful to our event sponsors, underwriters, and auction volunteers. Proceeds from the two events go directly to our eight schools for tuition assistance, music programs, and school operations.

Plans are under way for next year's events, so mark these dates on your calendars:
DAR-South: Sunday, March 26, 2017, Santa Anita Race Track, Arcadia
DAR-North: Saturday, May 20, 2017, Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley



Vision of Hope Financial Highlights

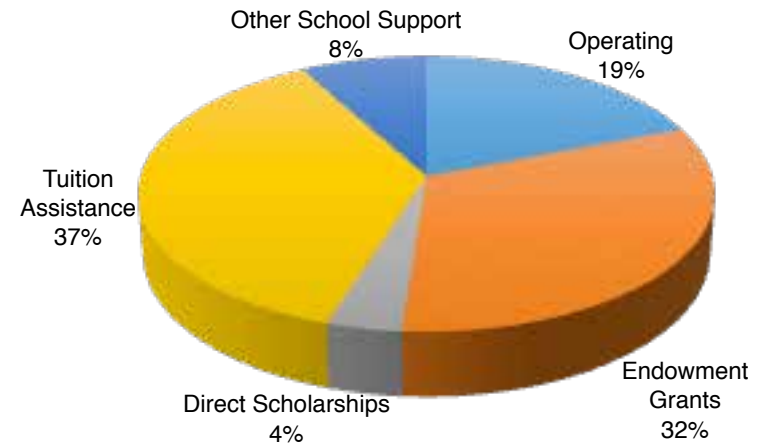
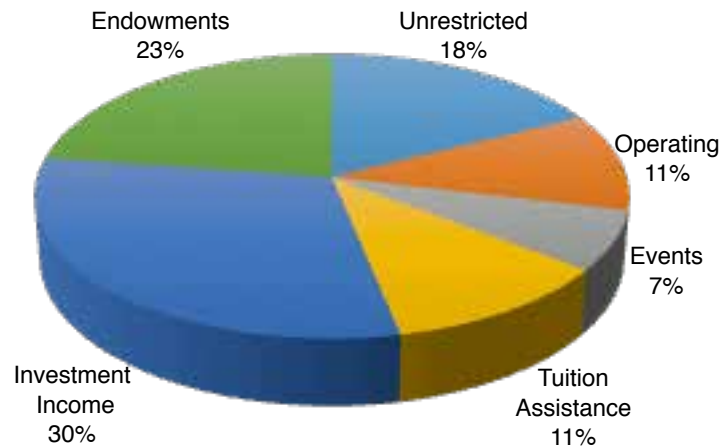
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Income

Expenses

Unrestricted.....	\$364,741
Operating.....	232,211
Events.....	141,506
Tuition Assistance.....	234,577
Investment Income.....	634,673
Endowments.....	473,690
Total	\$2,081,398

Operating.....	\$288,008
Endowment Grants.....	484,000
Direct Scholarships.....	56,750
Tuition Assistance.....	558,421
Other School Support.....	120,870
Total	\$1,508,049



Gross income in 2015-2016 was \$2,081,398. Of this amount, \$1,442,098 was raised through support provided by Vision of Hope’s generous benefactors. Unrestricted gifts accounted for \$364,741. Gifts in support of Vision of Hope’s operations accounted for \$232,211. Vision of Hope sponsors two major fundraising events – Day at the Races at Santa Anita Race Track in Southern California and Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields in Northern California. Together these two events grossed \$141,506. Benefactors gave \$234,577 in support of tuition assistance. Of this amount, \$39,565 was contributed by students in the Dominican sponsored and affiliated schools. Net investment earnings accounted for \$639,300 in income. Over 99% of net investment earnings were generated by Vision of Hope’s Tuition Assistance Endowment which is currently valued at \$10 million. Gifts to endowments totaled \$473,690. Vision of Hope received a one-time gift of \$400,000 to its Tuition Assistance Endowment from the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose.

Operating expenses include personnel, contract services and other related expenses. These accounted for \$288,008. Vision of Hope distributed \$484,000 in tuition assistance from its endowments. An additional \$558,421 was distributed to the schools in the form of tuition assistance as a result of our annual fund. Named scholarships and the net proceeds from Southern California Day at the Races accounted for \$56,750. Vision of Hope distributed \$120,870 in school grants to support administrative needs and blended learning initiatives.

An important measure of a charity’s efficiency is its cost to raise a dollar of income. Vision of Hope’s cost to raise a dollar of income is \$.14 when investment income is included and \$.20 when investment income is excluded.

Financial highlights are presented using cash basis accounting. Audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2016 will be available in November.

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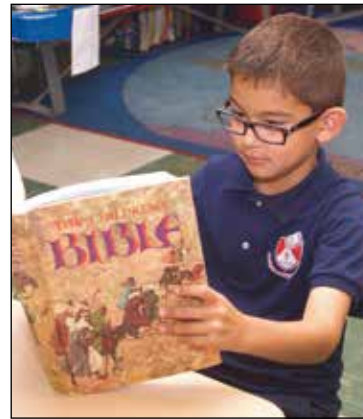
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Dominican Sisters Elect New Leadership with Longtime St. James Principal Among Them



The Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose elected Sister Cecilia Canales, OP as their new Congregational Prioress during the congregation's 25th General Chapter. Sister Cecilia will assume leadership in the fall, replacing Sister Gloria Marie Jones, OP who completes her tenure.

Convened every five years at the Congregational Motherhouse in Fremont, the chapter assembly elects new leaders and identifies mission priorities. The weeklong "Pilgrimage of the Heart" held July 23 – 30, 2016, included over 150 Sister delegates and participants from the U.S and Mexico.

Group discussions considered some challenges both countries face. The Sisters asked, "What is our mission in these times?" Their response, "Be women of hope in the face of violence and build bridges of love and understanding between our countries."

Newly elected prioress, Sister Cecilia, attended Dominican elementary and secondary schools in Los Angeles. An experienced educator and retreat director, she worked as the Vicar for Women Religious in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and on the faculty of St. John's Seminary.

Sister Cecilia affirmed her commitment "to find new and creative ways to serve the young, the poor and the vulnerable, ever responding to the signs of the times."

The election culminates months of study, reflection and prayerful consideration of current and strategic realities. After selecting the Congregational Prioress, the assembly chose a new four member Council to advance the Sisters' mission.

Sisters elected to the Leadership Council include, left to right in photo: S. Mary Liam Brock, S. Diane Bridenbecker, S. Cecilia Canales, S. Mary Susanna Vasquez, Hna. Veronica Esparza Ramirez.

Leadership Council

S. Cecilia Canales, Congregational Prioress, brings a rich background in education with recent ministry as Vicar for women religious, Archdiocese of Los Angeles to her newly elected ministry as Prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose. S. Cecilia looks forward to "growing a sense of unity as a Congregation. I will focus on how we can use our spiritual formation to respond to a world hungering for connection."

S. Diane Bridenbecker, Vicaress, has advanced degrees in music and religious studies. S. Diane expresses her faith through music, choral direction, religious education, and campus ministry. "I consider my sabbatical and spiritual direction invaluable ingredients to my academic education—the 'degree' that will not show up on a diploma but is a transformational gift continues to ground the calling in my life."



Before stepping down this summer, S. Mary Susanna Vasquez had served as the principal of St. James Elementary School in San Francisco for the past 12 years. Prior to that, she was principal of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Fremont. "With contemplative living, we can help restore what is broken in our fragile earth, be a voice for the marginalized, strengthen unity with Mexico, welcome new members, sustain our commitment to Catholic education and keep the missionary spirit alive in all things and for all things."

S. Mary Liam Brock has extensive experience in Catholic education with an M.A. in both education and theology. Deeply committed to urban youth, "I hope we embrace our internationality and live out of our ONENESS as we respond to Pope Francis's call to meet at margins and serve the marginalized."

Hna. Verónica Esparza Ramírez serves as Director of Schools in Mexico, Principal of Colegio Robert F. Kennedy and Prioress of Cristo Rey Community in Atizapan. "I hope to continue the work in uniting the two worlds (U.S. and Mexico) and promote cultural respect and raise the value of ONE."

The chapter closed with a blessing of new leaders and sending forth celebration on July 30, 2016.

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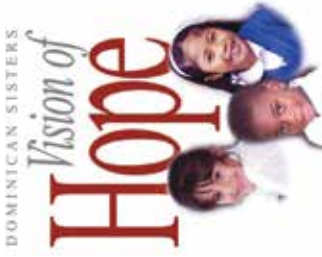
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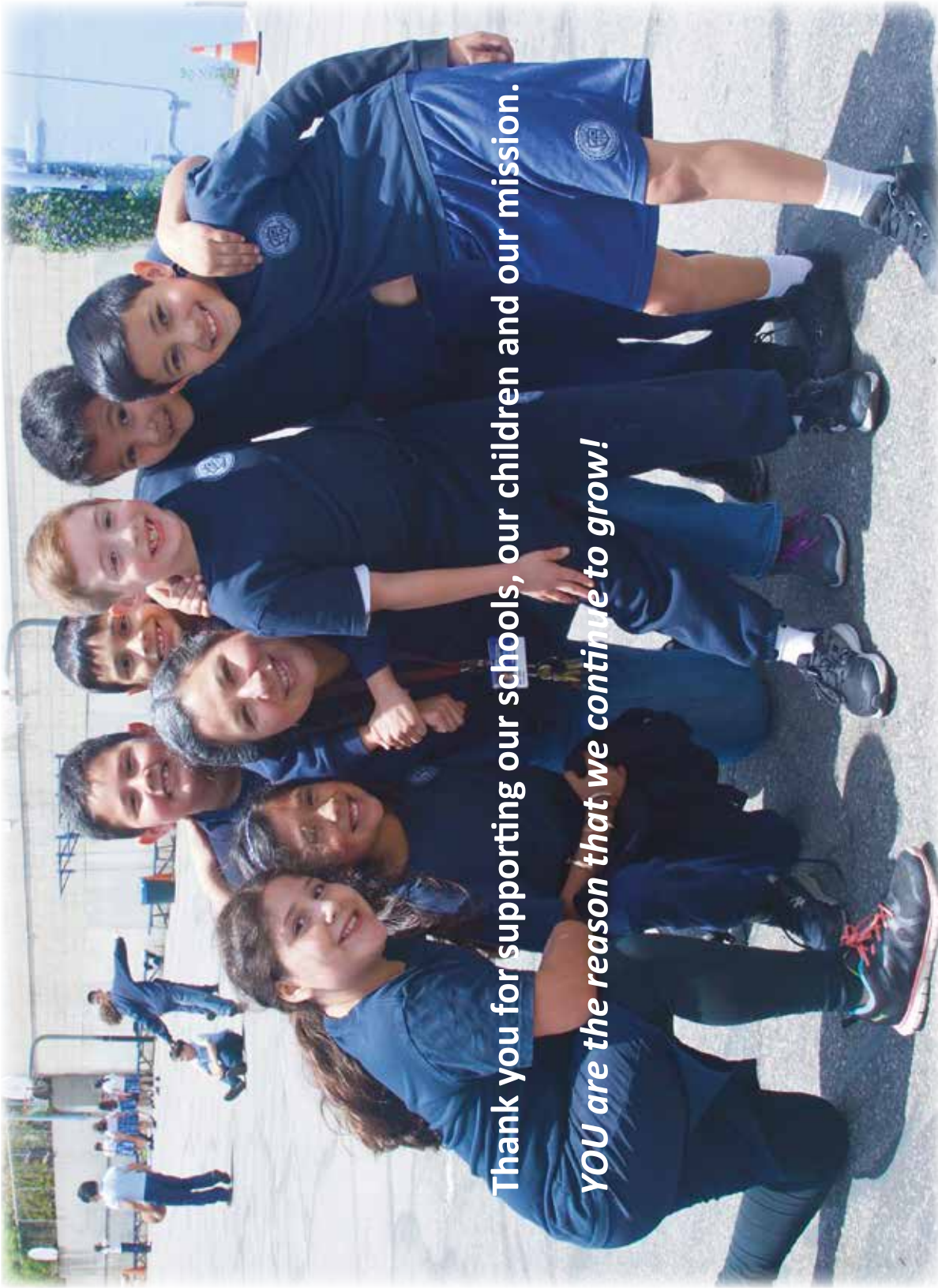
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