

A Quarter Century of Faith, Hope and Opportunity



**Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope
2020 Annual Report to Our Friends**

"The Catholic schools have been a pipeline to opportunity for generations.... It gave people like me the chance to be successful. It provided me and my brother with an incredible environment of security. Not every school provides that."

– Justice Sonia Sotomayor of the U.S. Supreme Court

Dear Friends,

2020 marks Vision of Hope's 25th anniversary, but this has not been the lead story for much of the year. Our attention has focused on the impact of a global pandemic, closure of school campuses, distance learning, and the health of our families and friends. Yet in the face of these challenges, we are even more aware of what makes Vision of Hope such a special organization – faith, hope, and opportunity.

In 1995, the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose recognized the urgency surrounding elementary Catholic schools serving low-income communities. Guided by faith, they gave birth to a vision that would change the trajectory of eight of their poorest elementary schools. Since then, it has been the faith of our Dominican Sisters and the faith of you, our friends, which has sustained our schools and students for a quarter of a century!

Hope has come to us in the faces and stories of our students, for they have always been our "Vision of Hope." Their smiles, laughter, gratitude, and resilience instill in us the promise of hope even when surrounded by adversity. Most importantly, hope is renewed when our students and families defy the idea that demography is destiny.

Finally through a tuition assistance program that has grown four-fold in the last 25 years, we have expanded access to Catholic education for thousands of students in some of the most under-resourced neighborhoods of Los Angeles, San Francisco and Oakland. This education has truly been a "pipeline to opportunity" for students to become the first in their family to graduate from college, pursue their professional dreams, and be the person God calls them to be.

Today, there is no denying that our Vision of Hope schools and their families have been significantly impacted by the global pandemic and ensuing financial crisis. While this reality is sobering, we know the way forward is to respond with relentless dedication to faith, hope, and opportunity in service of our 1,660 students and their families.

Thank you for being on this journey with us. Now more than ever we thank you for your sacrifice and your belief in our mission.

God bless all our partners in creating this "Vision of Hope."

Gratefully,



Lori Hawkins



Ann Magovern



Lori Hawkins
Vision of Hope Board President

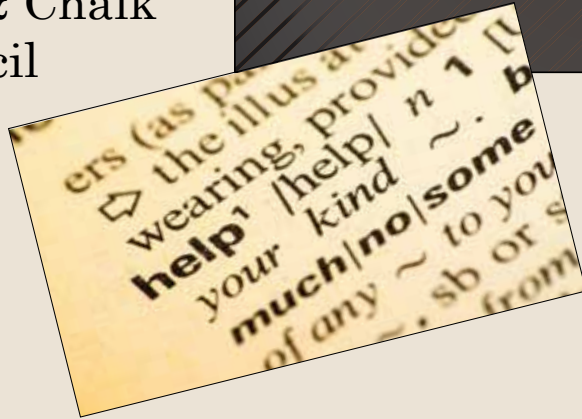
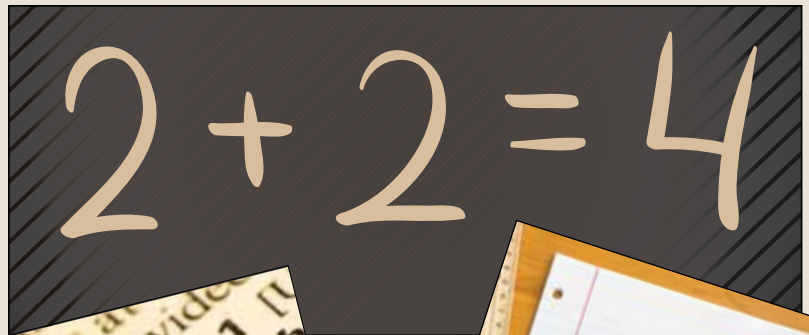


Ann Magovern
Vision of Hope Executive Director

In the classroom

Then

Blackboard & Chalk
Paper & Pencil
Dictionary



Now

White Smartboard
iPad & Laptop
Google



Vision of Hope Schools

Founding Dates and First Principals

1890

Sacred Heart Academy, Los Angeles
Mother Seraphina Maerz, O.P.

1893

St. Elizabeth School, Oakland
Mother Seraphina Maerz, O.P.

1894

St. Anthony School, San Francisco
Sister Bernardina Michel, O.P.

1903

St. Michael's School, Los Angeles
Sister Hedwig Infanger, O.P.
Sister Marcolina Schriever, O.P.

1922

St. Ignatius School, Los Angeles
Sister Frances Dunne, O.P.

1924

St. James Girls School, San Francisco
Sister Bernarda Hornung, O.P.
1950 - St. James Boys School

1950

Santa Teresita School, Los Angeles
Sister Marguerite Mendoza, O.P.

1951

St. Frances X. Cabrini School, Los Angeles
Sister M. Florita Seidle, O.P.

1957

Immaculate Conception School, San Francisco
Sister Frances Marie Henriquez, O.P.

1998

St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School
Sister Carol Ward, O.P.



**Sacred Heart Convent & School
on Griffin Avenue 1890**



Mother Seraphina Maertz, O.P.
First Prioress and Principal
Sacred Heart Convent & School



First pupils of St. Ignatius School
1922 Grades 3-4



St. James Girls School 1924



St. Michael's School 1903



St. Elizabeth School 1949 - Grade 2

From the Archives



**St. Frances X. Cabrini School
1967- 68 - Grade 4**



**Santa Teresita students and their Principal
Sister Angelica Velez, O.P. 2003**



**St. Anthony School 1951
Grade 2 with Sister Paul Marie, O.P.**



**St. Elizabeth School 1967
Sister Patricia Walsh, O.P., Principal
and Mrs. Lena Russo, secretary, and
Father Oliver Lynch, O.F.M.**



St. Ignatius School 1943 School Play

Birth of a Vision

During their 1995 General Chapter recognizing the economic realities of their poorest schools, the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose gave birth to a vision.

After great discussion, planning and discernment, 180 sisters voted unanimously to fund regional development offices and fundraising efforts for eight of their neediest elementary schools, the very ones that could not afford these on their own. Sister John Martin Fixa, O.P. was asked to give leadership to this dream.

She began by forming a Vision of Hope Steering Committee, hiring regional development directors, and “raising friends!”

Sister Barbara Larnar, O.P., an experienced development director and “believer in raising friends” arrived to be the Development Director in South Los Angeles and assist in the “dream.”

In 2000, Vision of Hope launched a major campaign for the eight schools. By 2005, \$8 million had been raised for a permanent endowment to support tuition assistance.

Today, these eight schools remain supported by Vision of Hope’s perpetual endowment and annual fundraising.



Sisters who had served as school principals celebrated the 20th anniversary of Vision of Hope on July 30, 2015, at the Motherhouse.



Our Founding Director

Sister John Martin Fixa, O.P., affectionately known as “Sister Johnnie,” was the heart and driving force behind the Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope. She served as Executive Director from 1995 until 2015 and was active as Director Emerita from 2015 until her passing on October 27, 2018.

Sister Johnnie’s cheerful, infectious optimism and deep commitment to the Dominican Sisters’ mission of serving “the young, the poor, and the vulnerable” were keys to her success in “friend-raising” and fundraising. Her undaunted hope, vision, and passion for the eight Vision of Hope Schools continues to inspire us. As we mark this anniversary year and Sister Johnnie’s legacy, may she continue to be our guiding light for the next 25 years!



Endowment Founding Leadership



We honor and celebrate our Endowment Founding Leadership, whose generous gifts sparked a campaign that has allowed Vision of Hope to provide quality, affordable Catholic education for the past 25 years. As we look forward, we are forever grateful to those who led the way.

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Diane B. Wilsey
Jill Wondries



Pictured in this 1998 photo, left to right: Marie Driscoll, Karla Avila, S. Donna Johnson, S. Maria Elena Gutierrez, S. Barbara Larnier, S. Angelica Valez, S. Carol Ward, S. John Martin Fixa, S. Georgette Coulombe, S. Mary Menegatti, S. Celeste Marie Botello

Dominican Sisters pictured in this 2005 photo, left to right: 1st row: S. Donna Johnson, S. Johnellen Turner, S. Mary Catherine Antczak, S. Celeste Marie Botello, S. Mary Menegatti, S. Maria Elena Gutierrez, S. Georgette Coulombe, S. John Martin Fixa, S. Patricia Ann Smith

2nd row: S. Carolyn Marie Monahan, S. Janice Therese Wellington, S. Angelica Valez, S. Ann Khristine Tabora, S. Barbara Hagel, S. Mary Virginia Leach, S. Barbara Larnier, S. Ramona Bascom



Founding Advisory Board and Friends

Generosity of spirit, commitment to others and volunteerism have always been at the heart of Vision of Hope. We are deeply grateful to those who started with us 25 years ago.

Sister Celeste Marie Botello, O.P.

Toni Burgoyne

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Jan Cooper

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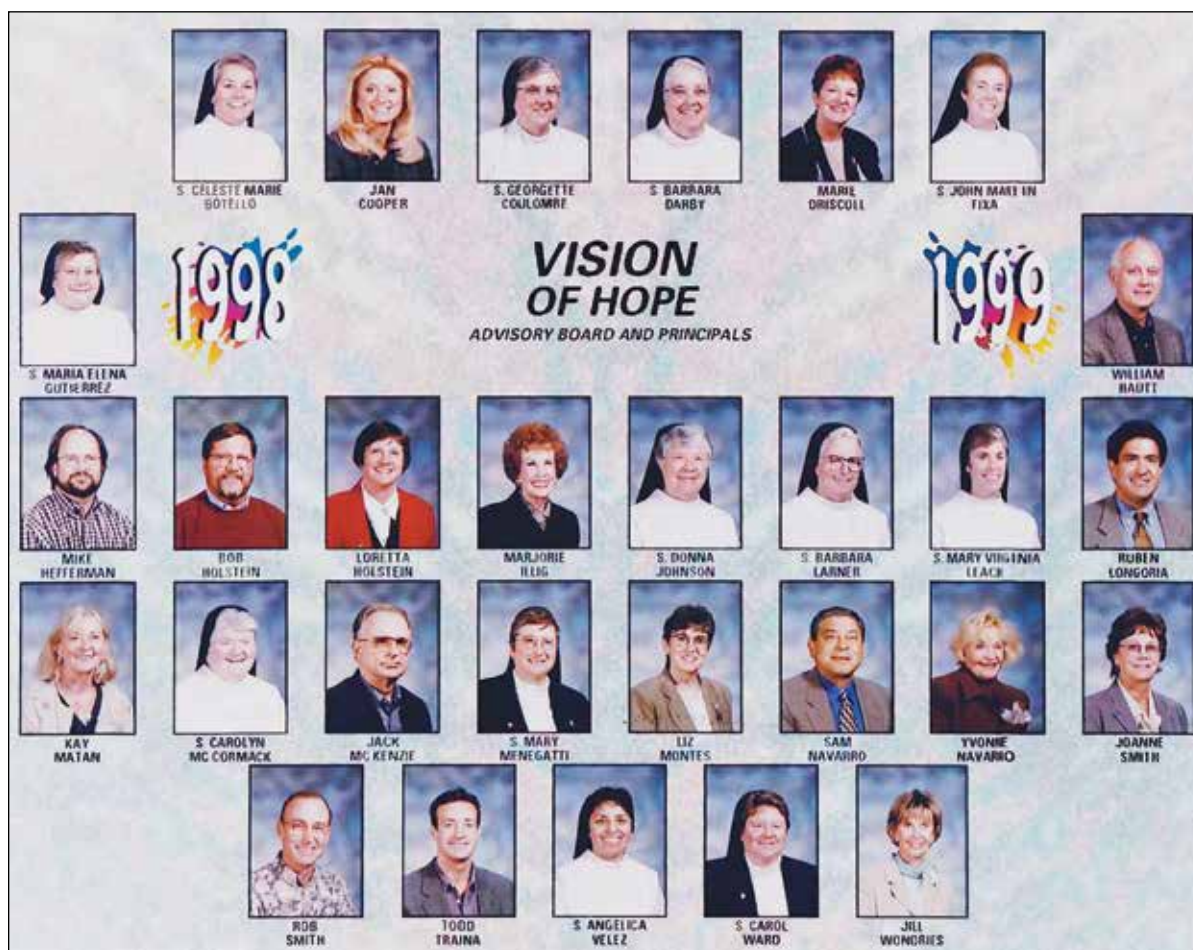
Trevor Traina

Sister Johnellen Turner, O.P.

Sister Angelica Velez, O.P.

Sister Carol Ward, O.P.

Jill Wondries



In every age, O God, You have been our Hope



Through every age, God has blessed us with truly wonderful friends. We pay tribute to these friends whose loyalty and faithfulness to Vision of Hope are the backbone of our organization.

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Christ Cathedral Academy (formerly St. Calista's)
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Our Lady of Guadalupe School
Sacred Heart Elementary
San Gabriel Mission Elementary
San Gabriel Mission High School
Santa Teresita School
St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception
St. Catherine's Academy
St. Edward's School
St. Elizabeth Elementary School
St. Frances X. Cabrini School
St. Ignatius of Loyola School
St. James School
St. Joseph Elementary
St. Michael's Elementary

In gratitude for Shea Family Charities, whose generosity has blessed Vision of Hope and our schools throughout these 25 years

Bob Roginson, passionate advocate of Catholic education, joins Board of Directors

Attorney Robert Roginson has served on Vision of Hope's Los Angeles Advisory Board since 2014 and was previously on the St. Ignatius of Loyola School Development Board. He generously said "yes" to serving on Vision of Hope's Board of Directors and began his first term in 2020. Bob is the managing shareholder for the Los Angeles office of Ogletree Deakins, an international management-side labor and employment law firm.

He is a native Californian and graduated from Loyola High School and Georgetown University. He lives in Pasadena with his wife, Juli, and two college-age daughters, Mia and Olivia.

Bob and his family are parishioners at St. Bede in La Canada, where Mia and Olivia attended elementary school and Bob served as president of the Parents Association. They are strong believers in the importance of Catholic education and, in addition to Vision of Hope, are longtime supporters of Verbum Dei High School, the Catholic Education Foundation and other Catholic educational programs.



Anniversary Luncheon Sponsors

This past March, we had hoped to gather in friendship and unity in Los Angeles to celebrate 25 years of Vision of Hope. We gratefully acknowledge and thank these 25th Anniversary Luncheon Sponsors.

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\$25,000

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Charlotte Saydah
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Sister Maria Elena

Faithful to la familia of Sacred Heart School

The 2019-2020 school year brought to a close the extraordinary career of Sister Maria Elena Gutierrez, O.P., the principal of Sacred Heart Elementary School in Los Angeles since 1995. In prior years, she was a teacher and a principal of three other Vision of Hope Schools, St. Elizabeth in Oakland, Santa Teresita and St. Ignatius, both in Los Angeles.

A native of the Mexican state of Chihuahua, she came to the U.S. at age eight with her parents and four sisters. Her mother wanted the children to be educated here. Her father was an American citizen who had lived in Mexico since his family moved there during the Depression. The Gutierrez family settled in the Los Angeles area.

"I love teaching and learning," says Sister Maria Elena, who was inspired by her Dominican teachers at St. Michael's High School, where she graduated after attending Our Lady of Sorrows, a Notre Dame elementary school. "I wanted to be a missionary, and the Dominican Sisters attracted me by their teaching, their positive outlook and their joy for life."

Called to religious life with the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, she became a postulant in 1963 and within three years, she was teaching second grade at San Gabriel Mission School in Los Angeles. Later she moved to Mexico City for several years and taught at the Robert F. Kennedy School.

Back in the U.S. by 1972, Sister Maria Elena moved to Oakland where she started a bilingual program at St. Elizabeth and taught primary grades there for five years. She then spent one year at Sacred Heart, where she was mentored as a principal, followed by seven years (1978-1985) as principal of Santa Teresita, six years (1985-1991) teaching social studies at St. Elizabeth, and four years (1991-1995) teaching

social studies at St. Ignatius.

"They then needed a principal at Sacred Heart, and I wanted to be part of its Mexican American community. I felt I could relate and help the families and students," recalls Sister Maria Elena. She also felt privileged to lead

a school established 130 years ago by Mother Pia, foundress of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose.

Anyone who has visited Sacred Heart and watched students greet and respond to Sister Maria Elena will agree with Sister Mary Catherine Antczak, O.P., who writes of her friend, "On many different occasions I observed how much your students love you. I can see little ones from TK running up to greet you, almost knocking you over. Frequently,

I was struck by how respectfully the members of your Student Council greeted you with smiles as you approached them. In an exceptional way you have been faithful to the familia of Sacred Heart."

Likewise, the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Fr. Tesfaldet Asghedom (Father Tes) writes, "What stands out for me, in the 12 years I was lucky to have her as my principal, is her love and dedication to the kids. She knew every child by name, understood their individual



Sister Maria Elena (continued)

needs, believed in them, and led them, not just as an educator, but as a caring mother would."

Sister Maria Elena's influence reached well beyond the Sacred Heart campus, as described by Specialty Family Foundation President Joe Womac:

"We have had the privilege of working with Sister Maria Elena for

the past decade and watched her calm, loving presence flow out to the children as we walked the grounds. Put

simply, we consider her life and vocation to this point such a beautiful prayer. We believe her impact is written onto the hearts of every student who entered into a school under her care (so, so many!). We know this to be true because she placed her impact on our hearts as well."

"Students and their needs have changed the teaching profession," Sister Maria Elena says.

Decades ago, she had 48 students in her second-grade classroom. When ten were separated into reading groups, the remaining 38 students would be at their desks doing "seat work."

"Nowadays," she notes, "Teachers must be well trained to meet special-need students and also challenge students who are at or above grade level," she says. "Teachers must also be aware of what's happening in

their students' lives, at home and in society." Learning and staying current with technology is another critical need.

In retirement, Sister Maria Elena plans to catch up on lots of reading, especially history, biographies and religious books. She has moved from her longtime home in the Sacred Heart Convent to the Santa Teresita Convent. In late July, she and a friend enjoyed a relaxing week in a mountain cabin, reading, playing board games and catching trout in Lake Arrowhead.

Ever appreciative of Vision of Hope's support for its schools, Sister Maria Elena has this message to donors: "Keep the faith. We need to remain firm in our belief and our

desire for our students to receive the best education that we can provide, so that the next generation will be strong and filled with their Catholic faith."

"We consider heroes like Sister Maria Elena to be 'saints among us.'"

**Joe Womac, President
Specialty Family Foundation**





Two generations of Herman family are among our generous donors

"No child should be denied a Catholic education because they cannot afford the tuition," says Gary Herman, Sr., an ardent supporter of Vision of Hope and other Catholic organizations.

Gary, who will mark his 90th birthday on Nov. 8, and Beverly, his wife of 66 years, were introduced to Vision of Hope by their daughter-in-law, Sandra Herman, an active member of the Los Angeles Advisory Board and chair of the St. Frances X. Cabrini School Development Board from 2015 to 2018.

The Hermans were married at Cathedral Chapel of St. Vibiana Catholic Church, where they still worship. Their three sons, Gary Jr., Gregory and Jeffrey attended Cathedral Chapel School.

"We always participated in church and school events," Gary says. "It was a way to build community and be of service to those in need."

Beverly was an active member and office holder in both the Cathedral Chapel Catholic School Mothers Club and the Daniel Murphy Catholic High School Mothers Club. In 2012, the couple received the Cathedral Chapel Parish Lifetime Award.

The two have been active volunteers and supporters of St. John of God Senior Care Center since 1975, and Gary currently serves as vice president of the Hospitaller Foundation, the Care Center's fundraising arm.

"Beverly and I are sold on Catholic education because of the religious foundation that is given to



Jeffrey and Sandra Herman with Beverly and Gary Herman, Sr.

the student, especially at the elementary level," says Gary. They value Vision of Hope for its positive impact on students and families. "Tuition assistance keeps students in schools, and parents feel faith in and gratitude for others who help their children stay in school," he says.

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Gary Herman, Sr.

As president of S.D. Herman Co. Industrial Realtors, Gary continues to work five days a week. He and Beverly have 12 grandchildren and are expecting their seventh great-grandchild in December.

The Hermans directed a major gift to the 25th

Anniversary Luncheon and became the lead event sponsors. This generosity was no surprise to Sandra. "Volunteering and donating to their community is a way of life for Gary and Beverly. Their vision of charity and service inspires us to serve," she says.

Gary's wish for Vision of Hope's future is simple: "Just keep doing what you are doing. No one should be denied a Catholic education."

Memorial Scholarships

CHRISTIAN PARENTING SCHOLARSHIP

In Memory of George and Evelyn Smith

This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded each year to a family at St. Ignatius and at Santa Teresita. It honors parents who raise their children with Catholic values and work hard to be good parents living out their Catholic faith in their home and in their community

Recipients

Ochoa Family - Ruben and Yadir
Santa Teresita School

Moscoso Family - Abi and Jacob
St. Ignatius of Loyola School

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HOLY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship(s) restricted to SAIC is awarded to a student(s) who demonstrates character and perseverance.

Recipient

Devin Damian

Donors

Carol and Bob Ellingson
Father Stephen Howell
Caroline Stiggins

JULIA SIERRA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Julia Sierra, whose sons both attended St. Anthony's School, this scholarship is awarded at St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School to a student of an immigrant single parent, as Julia Sierra was, and exemplifies great need.

Recipients

Edgar Zepada
Maura Vega
Edgar Vega
Janell Alvarez
Lucas Alvarez

Donors

Josephine Bump
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Mark Hiemenz
Jorge Sierra and Frederick G. Miller

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

Michelle Anzueto
Francesca Garcia-Madiz
St. James School

Sergio Gonzalez
Aubrey Ramos
St. Ignatius of Loyola School

Esmeralda Sandoval
Hector Sandoval
St. Michael's School

Alicia Brambila
Betsy Quinonez-Garrido
St. Frances X. Cabrini School

Miriam Lopez
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St. Elizabeth School

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KATHLEEN E. FIXA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Kathleen E. Fixa Scholarship was established in tribute to "Mom Fixa's" unyielding generosity and stalwart commitment to Catholic education. Two families at each school in the Bay Area are awarded \$2,500 in tuition assistance for extraordinary service to the school.

Recipients

Karen Palacios
Maria Isabel Pajarito
St. Elizabeth School

Faviloa Galvan
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St. James School

Ana Ferman
Ana Sanchez and Hugo Ayala
St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School

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Brian Prows
Rose Stanfel

MCKENNA FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Our newest memorial scholarship was established in 2018 for St. James School. Its first distribution will be in 2020.

Recipients

Uriel Cuellar

Donors

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Melanie and John McKenna
Patricia Stachowiak

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 \$1,000 scholarship.

Recipients

Patricia Gochuico
Sacred Heart School

Ashley Ochoa
Santa Teresita School

Emelyn Alvarado
St. Michael's School

Jose Calderon
St. Frances X. Cabrini School

Derron Gibson
St. James School

Yolanda Pajarito
St. Elizabeth School

Donors

Thelma Albrecht
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VERITAS SCHOLARSHIP SISTER MARY DOMINIC AND SISTER MARY THOMAS

Through this tribute, two eighth grade students are selected annually to receive a \$2,000 scholarship award for Courageous and Compassionate Leadership, a hallmark of the two outstanding congregational leaders.

Recipients

Celeste Farfan-Hidalgo
St. Ignatius of Loyola School

Karolina Rodriguez
St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School

Donors

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Memorial Scholarships



SISTER JOHN MARTIN FIXA SCHOLARSHIP

This year, one student at each of the eight schools received a \$1,500 scholarship. The students exemplify Sister John Martin's extraordinary kindness, humility, dedication, joy, and commitment to academic excellence.

Recipients

Valerie Cortez
St. Elizabeth School

Anakarina Moya
St. James School

Ingrid Hermosillo
St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School

Madeline Manzo
Santa Teresita School

Rihanna Renee Ramos
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Jordlynn Carr
Sacred Heart School

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Gina Tracey
Kathleen Tyree
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Vision of Hope Schools by the Numbers

San Francisco

St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception
St. James

Oakland

St. Elizabeth

Los Angeles

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

2019-2020

Total Enrollment
1,638

Demographics

88% LatinX
4% Caucasian
4% Multi-Racial
3% African-American
2% Asian and Filipino



Impact Over 25 Years

50,000
students educated

\$16 million
in tuition assistance
given to schools

\$750,000
raised from
Koins for Kids



Honor Roll of Donors

\$500,000 and above

Bill and Susan Oberndorf Foundation

\$50,000 to \$99,999

Irene S. Scully Fund of the
Marin Community Foundation

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\$25,000 to \$49,999

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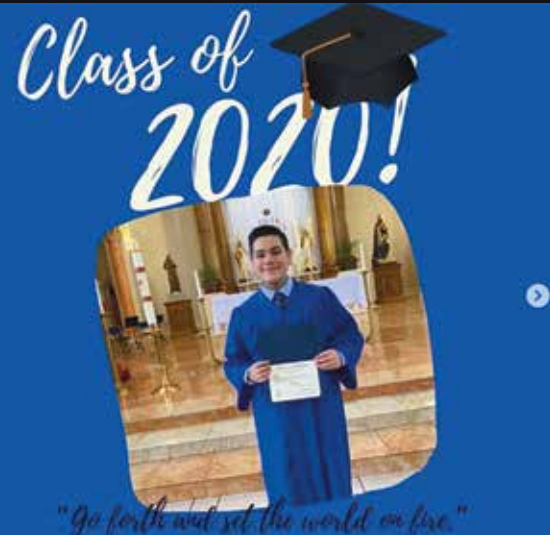
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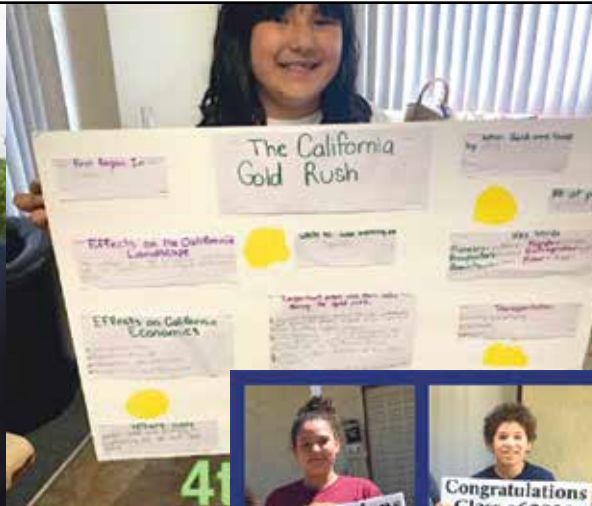
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For friends and loved ones who have passed away as a result of Covid-19



The global pandemic forced our campuses to close by March 17th. But less than a week later, our teachers were teaching and students were learning, all from home. We thank our principals, teachers, students and families for their resilience and outstanding commitment to education.



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Fiscal Year 2019-2020

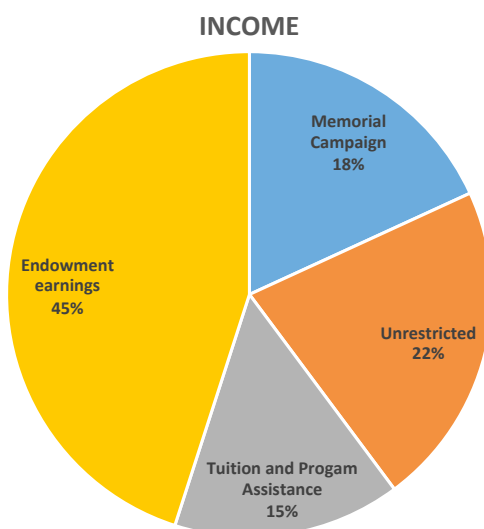
Vision of Hope completed this fiscal year with a strong financial position and net income of \$879,381. Overall, we contributed \$1.39 million to our schools and on average each school received \$165,000. These funds were distributed in the following ways:

- \$950,000 was given in tuition assistance. These funds were generated from the endowment, annual fundraising, and the Resilience Fund.
- \$447,944 was given in school program support. This funded our Blended Learning Initiative, computers, reading and math software, and additional operating support for all eight schools.

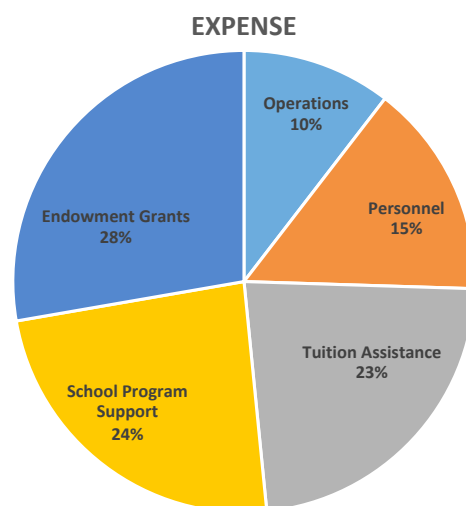
Originally, program support was restricted for school technology, marketing efforts, professional development for teachers, and curricular support. However, the board unrestricted these funds in April to allow for maximum flexibility when campuses closed, and our schools needed to transition to distance learning.

In the last fiscal year (August 1, 2019 -July 31, 2020) Vision of Hope's endowment grew 10.57% net of fees or \$1,310,481. As of July 31, 2020, the total investment portfolio is valued at \$13,168,058.

Financial Highlights are presented using accrual accounting. Audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2020 will be available in November.



Memorial Campaign	\$500,000
Unrestricted	\$596,698
Tuition and Program Assistance	\$417,494
Endowment Earnings	\$1,240,351
TOTAL	\$2,754,543



Operations	\$195,982
Personnel	\$282,073
Tuition Assistance	\$429,944
School Program Support	\$447,163
Endowment Grants	\$520,000
TOTAL	\$1,875,162
NET INCOME	\$879,381

Sister Mary Peter Traviss, O.P.

A transformative force in Catholic education

Sister Mary Peter Traviss, O.P., a faithful member of Vision of Hope's Bay Area Advisory Board and Board of Directors, passed away peacefully on May 22nd, 2020, after spending her final years at the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Motherhouse in Fremont.

Sister Mary Peter was a gift to many but most notably she was an extraordinary gift for Catholic teachers, principals, and the broader Catholic education community. In 1973, *Today's Catholic Teacher* dubbed her "The First Lady of Catholic Education in the United States" a title that still feels fitting today.

She first met the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose as a resident student at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, where she was student body president, a member of the varsity basketball team and the drama club, and was editor of the school's first yearbook.

"There is a sequence in education," she said in a 2015 Vision of Hope newsletter. "First you learn, then you love, then you serve. I wanted to be like the Sisters at Flintridge."

She entered the Dominican order, not intending to teach but wanting "to be of service to the people of God. I wanted to help, and because the Dominicans are a teaching order, I saw that children must be taught to know God and Jesus."

She entered the Dominican Sisters in 1946, made her first profession of vows and received the name Sister Mary Peter in 1948. "Always motivated by Mother Pia's insistence that her sisters be well-prepared, Sister Mary Peter pursued study and research all her life," writes Sister Mary Catherine Antzac, O.P. in Sister's eulogy.

She earned a BA degree, two MA degrees and a PhD and did postgraduate studies at Harvard and Oxford after her retirement in 2006. She was an elementary teacher and principal for 12 years and

later, as Director of Education for the Congregation, supervised all schools staffed by the Dominican Sisters.

"After 23 years, forming, inspiring, motivating, and challenging her sisters and their colleagues, Sister Mary Peter's educational influence expanded significantly," writes Sister Mary Catherine. "In 1985, she became an Associate Professor of Education at the University of San Francisco, and in 1989 she was named Director of the Institute for Catholic Educational Leadership (ICEL), a position she held until 2006. Students from Catholic schools around the world enrolled in ICEL. As Director, Sister Mary Peter stressed the singular place of the Catholic school in the life of the Church. She emphasized the importance of community in Catholic schools, reflecting the way that

community support was key to teacher formation in religious communities."

Barbara Moodie, Principal of St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception, a Vision of Hope school, is a graduate of USF's ICEL program and was a student of Sister Mary Peter.

"I thank God for putting Sister Mary Peter in my life," recalls Ms. Moodie. "I stepped into her Moral Development class at USF and after that very first class, I went home and sobbed. She pushed and challenged, and I developed a confidence in myself that I didn't know existed. She was a force to be reckoned with and demanded that evidence trumps opinion and that any decision we make in education should have evidence to back it."

Sister Mary Susanna Vasquez, O.P. also a student of Sister Mary Peter, says she benefited

from a number of ICEL workshops while she was pursuing an MA in Religious Education at USF. "I am forever grateful to giants like Sister Mary Peter, whose inspiration continues to nurture my ministry in Catholic education, thus allowing me to share the wisdom with Vision of Hope and MSJ sponsored and



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Sister Mary Peter (continued)

affiliate schools.”

Over the course of her long career, Sister Mary Peter witnessed the importance of teachers as role models. “For children, it’s not just how well they’re taught, but by whom they’re taught,” she said in 2015. “When I was a principal and interviewed teacher applicants, I wanted to know that they had the knowledge and ability to teach all subjects, including religion, plus the personal attributes to be role models of service,



kindness and self-sacrifice.”

Sister Mary Peter joined Vision of Hope’s Board of Directors in 2013. “I so believe in Vision of Hope and its mission to help inner-city schools,” she said. “I remember when our congregation of Dominican Sisters approved the formation of Vision of Hope. It was a unanimous vote followed by a standing ovation.”

Providing a quality, affordable Catholic education — which Sister Mary Peter saw as critical to Catholic families and their communities as well as the Church itself— is why Vision of Hope exists.



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Principals Review Highlights and Challenges

St. Ignatius of Loyola School **Principal Ileana Wade**

We began the school year by implementing a new community and character-building program: The St. Ignatius House System. Students were placed in four houses and developed their own chants and cheers. They received points from faculty and staff for excellent behavior, kindness, service, etc. and competed to see who would be the first champions of the St. Ignatius House Challenge. Houses are named after the Dominican pillars: Etude (Study-Red House), Logos (Prayer-Black House), Servus (Service-Purple House) and Comunidad (Community-Blue House). It was one definitely one of our highlights this year!



As the year came to a close, we had to do some things differently. We held our 1st Annual 8th Grade Graduate Portfolio Defense Presentations, which had to be done via Zoom, after two years of preparation with Envision Learning Partners.

Although we were not able to hold a First Reconciliation celebration for our students, each family brought their child to our pastor, Fr Edwin, for a private First Reconciliation. This allowed students to be prepared and receive their First Holy Communion, which took place on Friday, August 14.

St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School **Principal Babara Moodie**

A big success for SAIC this past year was expanding the outreach to community through our development department. Julia Dobel, our new development director, has increased the number of emails sent out to community partners and donors through MailChimp. In May and June, our first on-line giving campaign, Ignite Your Heart, was a big success. We had never tried anything like that before and gratefully, we succeeded in adding many new contacts and emails through this effort. We plan to use this new platform again in 2020-2021 for other on-line events.



Despite all of the challenges from Covid-19 we want to thank you, our donors, who have generously given from their hearts. You have helped our families with tuition assistance, Distance Learning through iPad support, and

helping sustain us through this year. You make a difference in every child that attends our school.

St. James School **Principal Alex Endo**

Our most exciting highlight is that we have increased our enrollment for the 20-21 school year thanks to a newly formed enrollment team made up of parents, teachers and parishioners. Established in August 2019, the team's goal was to increase school awareness throughout San Francisco through attendance at street fairs, school fairs, and community events. Throughout the fall and winter of the 19-20 school year our parents and teachers were out recruiting, and it worked! By the spring of 2020 we had dozens of prospective families who were interested in St. James, even during the days when we were sheltering in place.



As this school year starts, we look forward to having Devi Zinzuvadia as the new St. James School Development Director. With 16 years of experience in marketing and writing, she comes to us from Saint Ignatius Church at USF where she headed communications. Good things are ahead for St. James School.

Santa Teresita School **Principal Vernice Grajeda**

Santa Teresita was fortunate to be the recipient of several timely grants in order to keep our students learning as we transitioned to the distance-based model, including a grant from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to update our wiring and infrastructure. In addition, we received 20 new iPads from the Catholic Communication Collaborative (C3) and 25 Chromebooks from Vision of Hope. Like most schools, we never could have anticipated moving our teaching online in such a short period of time. We have truly been blessed by the donations and help of so many to keep our children learning and our teachers teaching! Thank you for keeping our school community together and moving forward.



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St. Frances X. Cabrini School **Principal Carmen Hart**

It was an exciting spring and summer at St. Frances X. Cabrini! We received a generous grant from Shea Family Charities to renovate the school building. In addition to installation of air conditioning and a new electric grid, we received new floors, windows, window coverings, paint, intercom, lower school playground, landscaping and renovated restrooms. It was truly a miracle to see these much-needed improvements come to our school. We cannot thank Shea Family Charities enough for their generosity to us.

Other exciting activities for SFXC were our Saturday Ballet classes with ballerinas Kristin Grant and Emily Hook. Through Ballet Pacifica, our second grade also attended a performance of "The Nutcracker." Mary Lea Carroll, author of Saint Everywhere, shared her experience as a writer and initiated a writing contest for students. SFXC students placed in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Decathlon! And our Development Board welcomed three new members, Teresa Carlson, Maureen Wilmot and Kathy Rowland.



St. Michael's School **Principal Anabel Rodriguez**

St. Michael's welcomed many partners this year! Vision to Learn screened students' vision at the beginning of the year and provided free eyeglasses. Thanks to their support 52 students can see the whiteboard and teacher more clearly. Students and Choir Director Julio De Leon visited Marycrest Manor nursing home in early December to bring cheer and music to the residents. Throughout the year and summer, students continued to receive counseling services from Counseling Partners of Los Angeles.

We are also very proud to share that we have reduced the literacy gap by 19% this school year thanks to Achieve 3000 and virtual resources from Loyola Marymount University's iDEAL Institute. This is a great achievement for our students and their teachers!

Gratefully, gifts from Vision of Hope, the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose and an anonymous donor allowed us to buy 68 new Chromebooks.

These resources allowed us to respond with within 24 hours of the school closing its physical doors on March 16, to distance learning! Lastly, thanks to Vision of Hope, CEF and individual donors, 96% of our families received tuition assistance.



St. Elizabeth School **Principal Lynne Mullen**

The St. Elizabeth Green Team, founded this year by the students, took on two main initiatives. To bring awareness to the use – and waste – of plastic products, students were challenged to no longer use plastic water bottles, and instead bring in a reusable water bottle every day for a week. The team also revamped the school's waste and recycling system by introducing a composting component.

Our work implementing Blended Learning prepared us for the shift to Distance Learning. Teachers, students and parents rose to the occasion with great commitment, courage and faith.

Every morning begins with an online assembly, with children and their families joining the Dominican Prayer: "With our hearts, we pray. With our minds, we learn. With our hands, we serve. With our voices, we preach the good news. St. Dominic, St. Elizabeth, Mother Pia, pray for us. For the glory of God. Amen." We follow that with the Pledge of Allegiance, the St. Elizabeth School Pledge, and words of encouragement to work hard and take care of each other.



Sacred Heart School **Principal Sister Maria Elena Gutierrez, O.P.**

When the school year began, students enjoyed our new filtered water fountains, donated by Robert and Denise Bacall, and through the fundraising efforts of Carlos Biel and Cesar Rosas, all members of school's development board,

In March, within 72 hours of the quarantine announcement, our teachers had already set up online programs with Zoom, Google Classroom and were ready for Distance Learning. This was our greatest challenge but 100% of our students participated daily with teachers working sometimes 12-hour days to support not only students but parents as well.

May 22nd, graduation gowns and lawn signs were delivered to 8th graders and Sister Maria Elena and 8th grade teacher Ms. Pinal visited each student's home. With the retirement of Sister Maria Elena, the school welcomes Ms. Adriana Bronzina as our new principal. She believes that through a strong Catholic education and a loving school community centered on faith, Sacred Heart students will flourish and be equipped to face all the challenges that confront them today.



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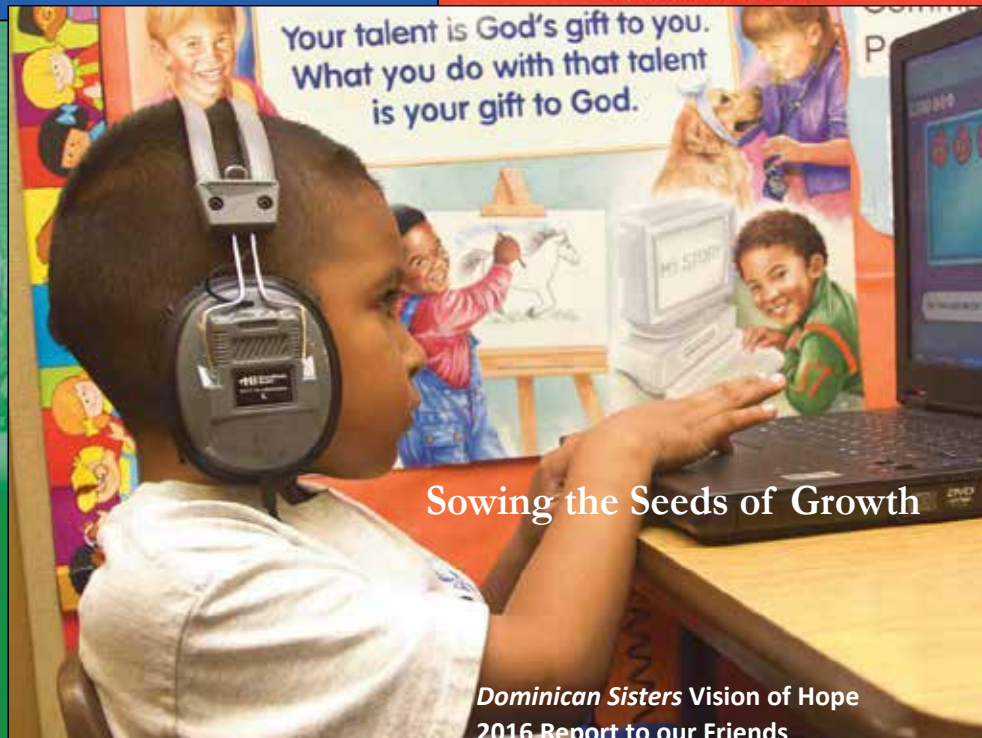
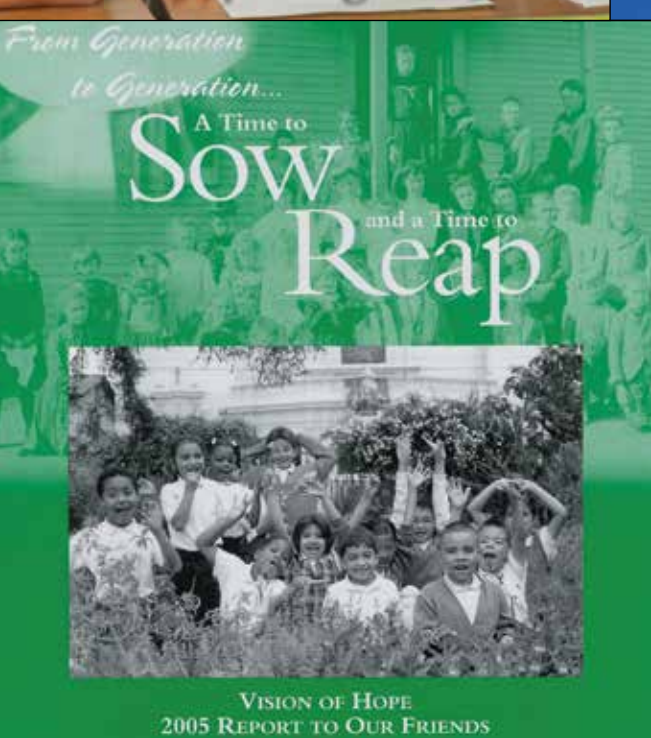
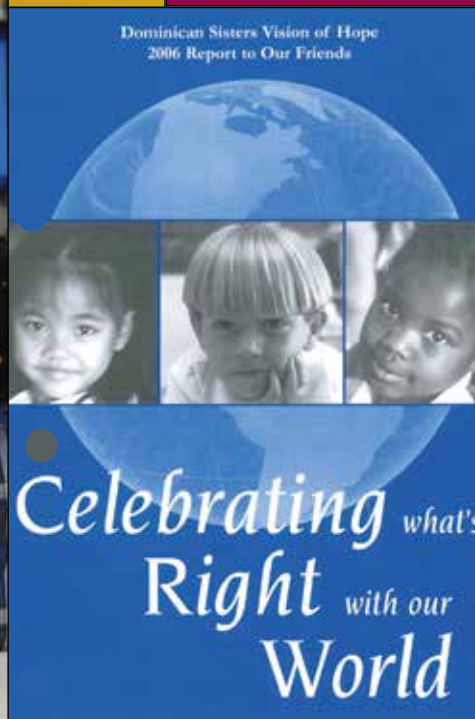
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