

Forward in Faith

Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope

**2021 Annual Report
to Our Friends**



If you can't *fly* then run... if you can't *run* then walk...

If you can't *walk* then crawl... but whatever you do, you have to
keep moving forward.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.





Dominican Sisters
VISION OF **HOPE**

Dear Friends,

What an incredible year it has been. We experienced the loss and grief of the pandemic, and the joy and relief of the vaccine. Our schools began last fall with no in-person instruction, and ended this past June with five of our eight schools welcoming students and teachers back to the classroom.

The theme of this year's annual report is *Forward in Faith*, and we share the stories of moving ahead, even in the face of adversity. At its heart, this theme is the story of our Vision of Hope families and students. This is what our courageous principals and teachers did day after day this past year. They were asked to teach from home, and then teach in a classroom with students both on Zoom and in person. Principals were asked to develop Covid safety procedures and policies, hold virtual back to school nights, observe teacher instruction remotely, and continuously adapt to an ever-changing environment. They did this with grace, courage, and generosity, and in doing so, enabled 1,460 students to complete their year at a Vision of Hope school!

This year's report highlights the ways we, Vision of Hope, have moved forward in faith, in leadership, and in education. We express our heartfelt gratitude to you, our circle of friends, who faithfully support our mission and schools, and propel us forward.

Thank you for being with us during this extraordinary time and for deepening your commitment to Catholic education and our Vision of Hope schools. Thank you for your friendship, and your prayers, as we venture forward in faith.

Gratefully,



Lori Hawkins
Board President



Ann Magovern
Executive Director

Forward in Education

Notes from a Pandemic

Last year's annual report featured students wearing masks, and the expression "distance learning" was used for the first time in Vision of Hope's 25-year history. Little did we know that one year later, the Covid pandemic would still be the underlying story for all of us, and in particular, our schools. Looking back on this unprecedented year, we want to share some of the lessons we've learned from our Vision of Hope principals, teachers and students – lessons that will guide us as we move forward.

First, professional development of teachers is even more critical as students

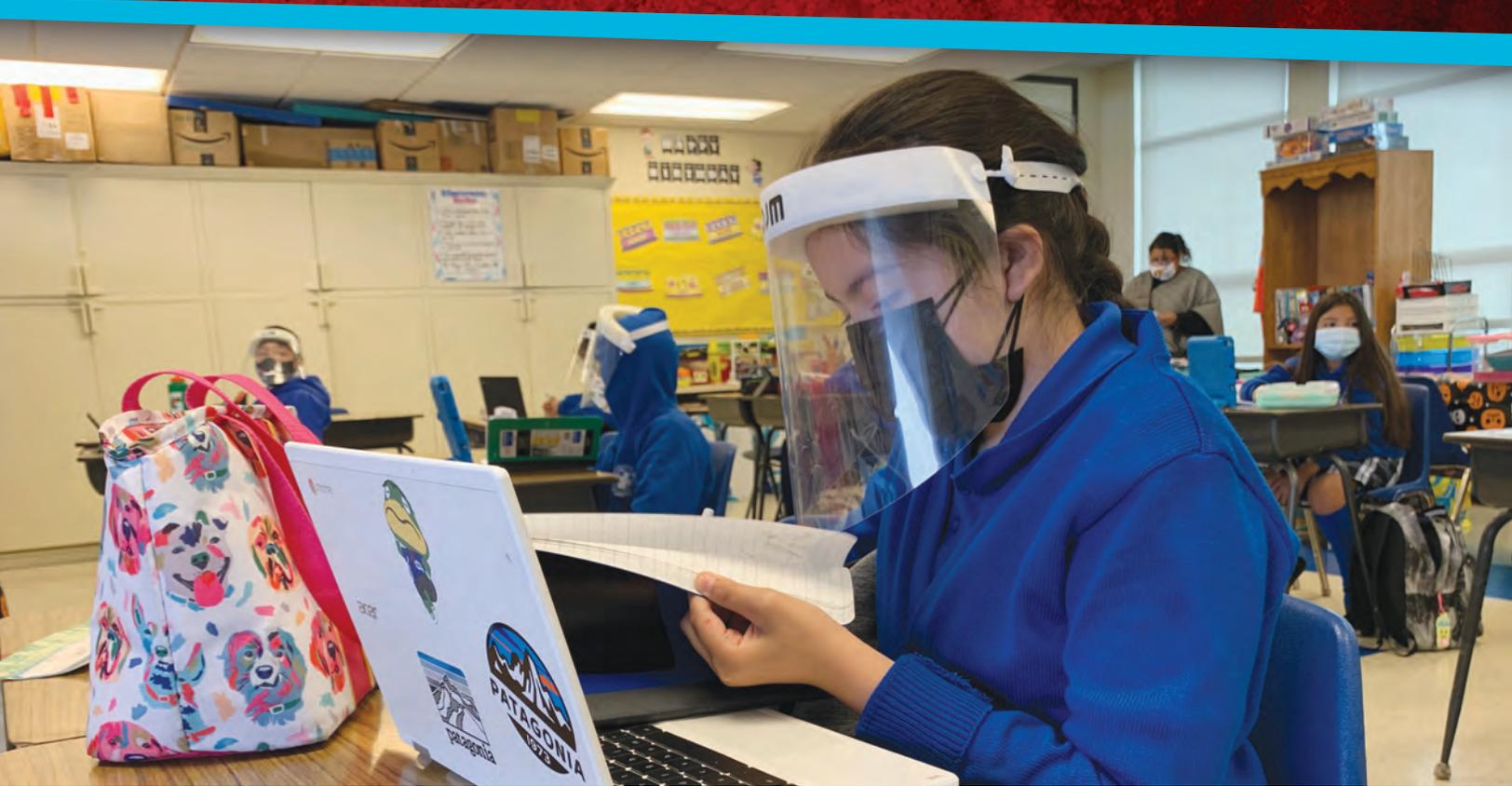
return to the classroom. More than three years ago, Vision of Hope embarked on a partnership with Loyola Marymount University's iDEAL Institute to train the faculty from four of our schools in Blended Learning: St. James and St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception in San Francisco, St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Michael's in Los Angeles. Blended learning is an instructional methodology that allows students to learn at their own pace through a combination of computer technology and individualized instruction by teachers.

Through workshops and coaching, teachers learned to use adaptive software and online tools in order to personalize instruction and better meet students' individual needs. In March 2020, this training was a key factor in the nearly seamless transition for our Vision of Hope schools from the classroom to distance learning when the pandemic shuttered schools across the world.

"The Blended Learning training really helped," says Liana Vantrease, fifth grade teacher at St. James School. "My teacher friends in other schools weren't able to dive in as quickly or as confidently as we were. We had the technology and understood how to adapt it for distance learning without skipping a beat." Liana adds, "How were we to know that our training with LMU would position us so well for what was to come? It just felt like the Holy Spirit was intervening for us! And none of this would have been possible without Vision of Hope."

By November of 2020, several of our schools began hybrid instruction, where two-thirds of their students attended school in person, and the remaining were still





learning from home. Teachers often had to simultaneously navigate two computers and a whiteboard to instruct students in the classroom and at home via Zoom. "Employing a growth mind-set was key," says Liana.

She explains, "Our students also learned new skills in a very short time: independence, checking for online assignments, being responsible for signing into class on time, digital literacy, troubleshooting, how to interact on Zoom, and how to work asynchronously. We might not have gotten to every standard, but these life skills are so important - students learned something they may not have in any other year."

This year, Vision of Hope will continue this partnership with LMU by including Sacred Heart, St. Frances X. Cabrini, and Santa Teresita into the Blended Learning training program. St. Elizabeth will also participate in this program through their affiliation with the Lumen Christi Academies network of schools.

Another learned lesson is that "to sustain

and grow our schools, we must reduce barriers to enrollment for our families," says Vision of Hope Executive Director Ann Magovern. "We must reach out to parents more effectively and find ways to make it easier to enroll their children." As schools resume in-person instruction, they will need to focus on recruitment and retention in the lower grades. According to the National Catholic Education Association, nearly 50% of the enrollment decline in 2020 happened in pre-K and kindergarten. This trend was true for both public and private schools and was mirrored in our Vision of Hope schools as well. This was in large part because many parents did not want to pay tuition for online instruction at the TK or kindergarten level.

Another key strategy is to develop "more culturally responsive outreach," says Lynne Mullen, principal of St. Elizabeth Elementary School in Oakland. "We have a largely Latino population, and we need to communicate with parents who speak another language, especially Spanish." She

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Forward in Education

feels fortunate to have two Spanish speakers in the front office as well as three teachers and a coach who are bilingual. "It's also about learning the reasons that parents are not coming to our school," Lynne says. "Maybe they've had bad experiences, or they're not trusting of the school. Sometimes the reality is that mom and dad are working two or three jobs at different times of day and night."

Although enrollment numbers in the lower grades are down at her school since the pandemic began, Lynne says, "We are getting applications daily for sixth grade, a key point of entry for kids who transfer from public schools. Public middle schools tend to be larger and parents are worried about the middle school, especially during Covid, and they're looking for a smaller environment."

Lastly, if the pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we do not move forward

alone. This year, the meaning of challenge, and of friendship, was carried to new heights, and we are deeply grateful to our Vision of Hope circle of donors for the upwelling of support for our schools and their families. Throughout this year, our schools continued to serve, educate and reach out to their communities most in need. Several schools fed not only their families but their neighborhoods as well, and all of the Vision of Hope schools became a place to come together, as friends do, for support and for growth.

Moving forward in education means working collectively, as friends and family. With your continued friendship, we will keep working together to ensure that we carry out our mission of "providing access to quality, affordable Catholic education for the children of our urban elementary schools, and to ensure a vibrant future for these schools and the communities they serve."



Forward Together

Dreams, Tenacity and Faith Inspire Irene and Jeff

Becoming acquainted with Vision of Hope – the children, the mission and the dedicated staff and volunteers – one could easily find themselves jumping on board, with both feet!

That's what happened to Irene Jacobs and, eventually, her husband, Jeff.

Irene was introduced to Vision of Hope in 2017 by Sister John Martin and other Dominican Sisters, and soon found herself on the Bay Area Advisory Board.

Irene's enthusiasm to serve Vision of Hope has roots in her childhood. Her grandparents migrated from Mexico to work on a farm in Los Angeles, and her father taught Spanish in a Los Angeles public school. "Dad was all about being educated for the sake of opportunity," she says. "You become educated to give yourself options in life."

She is continually inspired by the Dominican Sisters and by the founding story of Vision of Hope.

"Vision of Hope was started by Sisters who had the dream and the tenacity and the faith," she says. "It reminds me that nothing is impossible with God. If you have your why, then nothing can stop you. It might not happen in your time, but it will happen in God's time."

Noting the fact that since its beginning, 50,000 children have been

educated in Vision of Hope schools, Irene says, "It's not just the kids; it's the parents, their siblings, their community, their uncle, their neighbor who are impacted as well -- it's an exponential growth of hope and potential."

Irene's enthusiasm for Vision of Hope was caught by her husband, Jeff, who has worked for Adobe for five years as its Director for Organizational Effectiveness.

Adobe has a dollar-for-dollar match for employee/family contributions to certified non-profits, and Jeff and Irene made sure that Vision of Hope is on Adobe's list of matching charities. Irene and Jeff's donation to the Soaring into Summer Online Auction was matched by the company!

For those considering serving on a Vision of Hope advisory board, Irene has this advice:

"We all have different talents and things to offer that aren't always recognized in work or other arenas of our lives," she says. "The mission of Vision of Hope speaks to me on so many levels. We don't know the impact that something we say or do will have. "



Irene and Jeff Jacobs enthusiastically serve Vision of Hope with their time, talent and treasure.

Forward in Community

For the Cabrerias, Success Is All in the Family!

As 4-year-old Lucas Cabrera starts transitional kindergarten (TK) this fall at St. Michael's School in Los Angeles, he follows in the footsteps of his mother, Martha, and his seven aunts and uncles, all who graduated from St. Michael's before him.

This generational story of hope, dedication, faith and success began in 1975, when Gabriel and Maria Guadalupe Cabrera immigrated from Mexico and settled in South Los Angeles.

After graduating from St. Michael's as valedictorian in 1995, Martha completed Queen of Angels Academy in 1999, and in 2005, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health and Human Services from California State University, Los Angeles. Martha has been employed since 2013 by the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

The eight Cabrera children all graduated from various universities –

California State University Los Angeles, Long Beach and Dominguez Hills, Mount Saint Mary's University and UCLA. Two of her siblings completed their masters degrees. Among them, their various professions include education, accounting, law enforcement, and public and retail service.

"Most of these accomplishments aren't just because we were focused and studied hard," Martha says. "Our accomplishments are due to having loving and hard-working parents, dedicated teachers at St. Michael's, sponsors from Vision of Hope, and faith in God."

Congratulations to Lucas, and his cousins Sarah and Samirah, the youngest members of the Cabrera family to study at St. Michael's, as they continue the generational tradition of a quality Catholic education!



Martha and her 4-year-old son, Lucas, with the former and current principals of St. Michael's, Sister Georgette Coulombe, O.P. and Mrs. Anabel Rodriguez.

Parents at the Center of New Vision of Hope Program

In the fall of 2020, through the generous funding of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation in Southern California, Vision of Hope hired Danny Diaz to develop our newest initiative, the Parent Leadership and Family Engagement Program. By assessing each community's priorities, needs, and school culture, his goal is to develop a network of parent leaders who have a shared interest in seeing their children and school communities grow and succeed.

Although intended for in-person gatherings, the parent program utilized virtual communication during the pandemic. Through online surveys,

Danny heard from 225 parents and engaged 41 parent leaders on Zoom to introduce the program, promote community, and build capacity.

In partnership with the educational non-profit *Power My Learning*, Vision of Hope launched their *Family Playlist Program*, which produced fun learning assignments for students to complete with their parents. The "learn by teaching" approach strengthened the triangle between student, family, and teacher.

Vision of Hope also contracted with *Families in Schools* to deliver culturally responsive virtual workshops to 75 parents on the following topics:

College Readiness, Growth Mindset, Importance of Attendance, Financial Literacy, and Parent Leadership.

The parent program embodies the Dominican Sisters' commitment to education and mentoring. Danny and Sister Georgette Coulombe are working with ten Dominican sisters to create faith formation opportunities and activities for families in our schools. Vision of Hope is thrilled to see this initiative take shape, and looks forward to deepening the relationship between our schools and the sisters in the coming year. While this program is beginning with our Southern California schools, we hope to expand it to the Bay Area in January of 2022.

Dominican Sisters Bring Expertise to VOH Staff

Vision of Hope is blessed to have two Dominican Sisters on staff. The depth and breadth of their experience in our schools is extraordinary. Together, they have either taught, been principal or served on a development board in seven of the eight Vision of Hope schools.

Sister Georgette, the staff liaison with the Los Angeles schools, attended St. Michael's Elementary School, where her parents graduated. Following 11 years as a classroom teacher and six years in high school administration, Sister Georgette was principal of two Vision of Hope schools, St. Michael's Elementary, 1986-2001, and St. Ignatius of Loyola, 2001-2011. Today, she supports Vision of Hope's school development boards, the

Los Angeles Advisory Board and assists with the Parent Leadership and Family Engagement project.

Sister Karen, originally from Southern California, has ministered primarily in education and taught in three Vision of Hope schools in Los Angeles - Sacred Heart, St. Frances X. Cabrini and St. Ignatius of Loyola. She was also missioned to St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception in San Francisco, where she taught middle school religion, history, language arts and served as vice-principal. In 2012, she joined Vision of Hope where she serves as our business manager, oversees the scholarship program, and serves on St. Elizabeth's Development Board.



Sister Georgette Coulombe, O.P.

“Working with our Vision of Hope schools has been an enriching experience. To see our children reach their full potential, be successful in life and serve their church and civic community provides motivation for me to continue my ministry in Vision of Hope for years to come.”
Sister Georgette Coulombe, O.P.

“It brings me great joy when I hear what some of my students have gone on to accomplish. Several have become middle school teachers and one has received a PhD. Whatever they are doing, my hope is that they have benefited from their years in a Vision of Hope school.”
Sister Karen Elizabeth Zavitz, O.P.



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Forward in Leadership

Generosity of Leadership Lori Hawkins' Time as Board Chair Comes to a Close

Strong leadership, steadfast commitment and generosity of spirit describe Lori Hawkins' six-year tenure as Chair of Vision of Hope's Board of Directors.

Lori began serving on the Los Angeles Advisory Board in 2008, and became Chair of the Board of Directors in 2015. Over the past 13 years Lori's favorite memories while serving Vision of Hope include time spent with Sister Johnnie and seeing the smiling children at the schools.

"To see the spark in the students' eyes is incredible," she says. "More than that, there is so much negative noise in the world right now – helping to provide a safe, spiritual education for our kids is maybe one small difference I can make."

Lori's Dominican volunteerism roots run deep. Her grandmother, Kay Tunney was a member of the Dominican Guild from the early 1960s.

Her mother, Joanne Hawkins was an active member of the Sacred Heart Elementary School Development Board for over a decade and still serves on Vision of Hope's Los Angeles Advisory Board. Her aunt, Loretta Holstein was part of Vision of Hope's founding board of directors and also continues to serve on the Los Angeles Advisory Board.

All three women have been a constant source of inspiration to serve others in the community and to fulfill the mission of Vision of Hope.



Vision of Hope Board Chair Lori Hawkins (left) with her mother Joanne Hawkins, who serves on the Los Angeles Advisory Board.

Loretta Holstein shares, "Maya Angelou wrote, 'Be a Rainbow in Somebody Else's Cloud.' This is so true of Lori. She recognizes the needs of each student and wants the best for each and every one of them. She shares her Vision of Hope stories with everyone she knows and with great enthusiasm! Lori is one of a kind."

Ann Magovern shares, "Lori has been a great mentor in my role as Executive Director. She has been a wonderful sounding board, supported me through Sister Johnnie's passing, and as Fr. Greg Boyle says, has helped me 'keep first things recognizably first!'"

On behalf of Vision of Hope we are grateful for Lori's leadership and continued service on our board of directors.

"I've been so blessed in life to have been imbued with the spirit of love and service by the women in my life: Joanne my mother, Kay my grandmother, Kathy my sister and Loretta my aunt. One of my greatest privileges has been to be the Board Chair for Vision of Hope. I am so grateful. This is an incredible organization making a major impact on children's lives."

Lori Hawkins



Ed Corey Becomes Chair of VOH Board of Directors

On August 1, 2021, Ed Corey assumed the role of Chair of Vision of Hope's Board of Directors following Lori Hawkins' six years of service in that position.

"Coming into this role after Lori is no easy task," Ed says. "Lori has been an exemplary leader and has managed the board of directors and Vision of Hope's great staff through a difficult period. Her undaunting dedication to Catholic education is demonstrated by all she does, both personally and how she exemplified leadership on the board."

A native of San Francisco, Ed attended Saint Philip's Grammar School and Saint Ignatius College Preparatory before moving to Los Angeles and attending the University of Southern California.

Ed has extensive experience in his capacity as an attorney and volunteer with

several non-profit associations. He served as chair of the board of directors for the Blessed Sacrament Social Services Center in Los Angeles, and more recently as executive director of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation.

"Like many organizations, the last 18 months have presented many challenges to Vision of Hope," Ed says. "However, our organization thrived in many ways and adapted to the circumstances to continue to serve our eight partner schools. We have expanded our services, effectively managed our funds, and embarked on a path to further reinforce our financial ability to help the Vision of Hope schools."

"Going forward," he adds, "Vision of Hope will continue to work with our supported schools in ways that best serve them as they also face challenging times."

VOH Welcomes New Board Member Denise Bacall

We are grateful to have an alumna of one of our schools join Vision of Hope's Board of Directors. Denise Bacall was welcomed to the board in May, after serving on the Los Angeles Advisory Board since October 2013 and the Sacred Heart Elementary School Development Board since January 2014.

A native Californian, Denise attended Sacred Heart Elementary School, Sacred Heart High School and the University of San Francisco. She is a Registered Nurse and worked at Children's Hospital Los Angeles for 22 years as a staff nurse and manager in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

"I believe a Catholic education is

invaluable in shaping a student academically, spiritually, and morally," Denise says.

"Through my Dominican education, I personally gained the confidence, independence, perseverance and compassion which have been key factors in my life experiences. From my mom, I learned the value and practice of giving back."

She adds, "It was at the perfect time in my life that I was able to become a member of the Southern California Vision of Hope Advisory Board and join the Development Board at Sacred Heart Elementary. It has been a blessing to be surrounded by such wonderful individuals with a strong mission led by the beautiful Dominican Sisters."



Forward in Giving

2nd Annual Online Auction Was a Soaring Success!

This year, we soared into summer with our 2nd annual online auction, raising more than \$86,000 for our schools! This success was led by our generous and dedicated auction co-chairs, Angela Stanfel and Carol Zweifel, and committee members Irene Jacobs, Therese Funk and Mary Zant, who gave tirelessly of their time, treasure and talent to ensure we met and surpassed our fundraising goal.

This year's auction also included a generous \$25,000 matching gift for tuition assistance from our dear and faithful friends, Lois and Frank Noonan.

This inspiration and challenge set the bar high for our donors, who enthusiastically met the match!

The auction featured a wonderful assortment of items, including luxury vacations, gift cards, Dominican specialties, sporting events, golf outings, tamale and taco parties and a special dinner with Bishop David O'Connell. The world-famous Dominican Sisters Olive Oil was once again a top seller, along with a beautiful vacation home in Whitefish, Montana.

We were also touched by one of our donors, Maureen Carter, who won a piece of student art, entitled "Oaxacan Armadillo." Maureen then decided to crochet the armadillo using the beautiful



A piece of art entitled "Oaxacan Armadillo" by student artist Isabel was won by Maureen Carter, who then crocheted a representation of the beautiful work!

image and colors drawn by 2nd grader Isabel at St. Michael's. Maureen sent her crocheted armadillo to Isabel as a surprise!

"When something special like this happens, you know your event has made an impact," says Ann Magovern, Vision of Hope Executive Director.

Co-chair Angela Stanfel shares, "Everyone who joined in this exciting auction had fun bidding and outbidding each other for this great cause. Mark your calendars for July 2022!"

We are again reminded of the faithfulness of our Vision of Hope family of donors, and we celebrate our Soaring into Summer auction success with you.

Thank you

to **John and Dorothy Shea** for their generous support of our schools. This past year, Shea Family Charities completed major campus improvements and renovations at four of our Los Angeles Schools: Sacred Heart, St. Frances X. Cabrini, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and St. Michael's. These renovations transformed our schools both inside and out. We are deeply grateful for their incredible generosity, dedication to Catholic education, and faithful support of Vision of Hope.

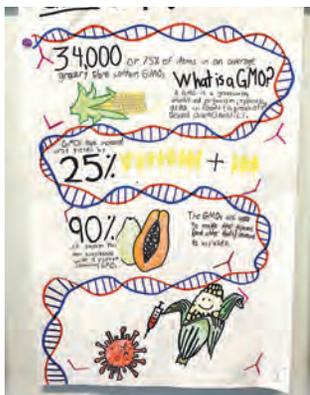




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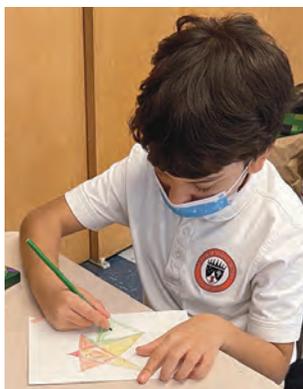
St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School - San Francisco

We are proud to share that during the past school year, our 8th graders embarked on a project about GMOs - Genetically Modified Organisms. Mr. Thomas Lopez, who teaches junior high English and language arts, said that rather than ask students to write one more essay, a project would be much more engaging. This proved to be so true! After a year of remote and in-person learning and stress of Covid, this unique project was informative and allowed students to research and collaborate to produce their GMO infographics. Well done, Class of 2021!



St. James School - San Francisco

For Catholic Schools Week, St. James' students engaged in several service projects, including a sock drive for unhoused neighbors served by St. Anthony's Foundation. Our students wrote warm and lovely letters to the seniors at Hayes Convalescent Hospital and to residents at another skilled nursing facility in San Francisco. We can all relate to loneliness and being in need of a friendly word - a problem we can all help solve! And during this year's successful chocolate sale, many St. James' families decided to buy out their chocolate allocation to donate to local recipients, including law enforcement officers, hospital personnel, school and church staff. All these are examples of our school motto to "be the good things" each day. At St. James we are more appreciative than ever before of our blessings and gifts!



St. Elizabeth School - Oakland

When the St. Elizabeth Class of 2020 completed their 8th grade year, a virtual graduation was held via Zoom, with the promise of an in-person "Pomp and Circumstance"



awarding of diplomas as soon as pandemic conditions allowed. The ceremony finally took place on July 10, 2021, with the help of class parents and 14 graduates who returned for the event. Mr. Rodney Pierre-Antoine, Executive Director of Lumen Christi Academies, gave the graduation address, and all students present were awarded the school's highest honor, the gold cord, for perseverance and extraordinary effort under the difficult pandemic conditions.

Santa Teresita School - East Los Angeles

Great musical offerings are continuing this year at Santa Teresita! Mr. Carlos Miller teaches music to 6th, 7th and 8th graders in addition to English/ language arts, social studies and religion. "The 8th graders continue with the flute and play "Ode to Joy" from Beethoven's 9th Symphony," he explains. "The 6th and 7th graders practice a foundational song to get them started on the development of their music faculties." Music education helps students develop their ability to decode sounds and words. Students have to use their eyes, ears, and muscles at the same time in conjunction with their brains. It is an activity that mixes physical with mental skills. We are grateful to be able to offer our students this life enhancing experience!



Sacred Heart Elementary School - East Los Angeles

As we celebrate the school's 130th anniversary, the campus renovation is almost complete, upgrading everything from the top of the roof to the bottom of the playground, including a new TK and Kindergarten play area. We also have all new classrooms and furniture; plans for a STEM Maker Space Lab with 3D printers; and new academic programming. Shea Family Charities and The John H. and Cynthia Lee Smet Foundation have generously funded this transformative renovation. Our 130th Anniversary virtual gala in June raised the matching funds. Our thanks go to many groups and organizations, donors, families, former students, and teachers who all contributed to our success! We will be welcoming our first TK and Kindergarten classes into our new English/Spanish Dual Language Immersion program this fall.



St. Frances X. Cabrini School - South Los Angeles

Thanks to a generous lead grant from Shea Family Charities, Sister Johnnie's Field will soon be a regulation soccer and flag football turf field with ample seating and parking. Dedicated on October 9, 2013, the field has hosted teams for the last eight years as a non-regulation field. The completely renovated field will make a direct impact on both the SFXC students and families, as well as the greater South Central Los Angeles community. As the first regulation size field of its kind in the area, Sister Johnnie's Field will provide youth with athletic opportunities and the transformative power of sport. The field honors the memory of Sister John Martin Fixa, O.P., the founding Executive Director of Vision of Hope.



St. Ignatius of Loyola School - East Los Angeles

So many blessings came our way during this pandemic year! Thanks go to our amazing faculty and staff, who were so thorough in their daily Zoom classes, keeping our students happy and engaged along with tutoring individual students as needed. We were also blessed with students who showed up online and worked hard to complete all their assignments. Our last blessing is very special -- 81% of our eighth grade students will attend Catholic high schools, and four graduates received scholarships into their school of choice: Reni Martinez received the Veritas Scholarship Award at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy; Carlos Medina and Johnny Espinoza-Romero were both accepted into the Onward Scholarship Program at Bishop Mora Salesian High School; and Kaeley Aldana received the Founders Service Award at Alverno High School. We are so proud of these and all our graduates!



St. Michael's School - South Los Angeles

St. Michael's congratulates our 2021 graduating class, who faced unparalleled obstacles to succeed. We are also proud to note that one of our own former graduates, Joshua Sanchez, was honored as the 2021 Valedictorian at Verbum Dei High School. Joshua attended St. Michael's from kindergarten through 8th grade and graduated in 2017. Throughout his years at St. Michael's, Joshua was involved in a variety of activities, sports and clubs. At Verbum Dei, he was active in campus ministry, baseball, debate, golf, student ambassadors, emerging leaders and more. He also volunteered regularly at Beacon Light Mission and Nick's Kids. Joshua will attend USC on a four-year scholarship and study business and pre-law. The 2021 Verbum Dei Salutatorian, Enrique Cabrera, is also a graduate of St. Michael's School.



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 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

Montellano Family
Santa Teresita School

Neef Family

St. Ignatius of Loyola School

Donors

Joan and Eugene Bock
Claire and Patrick Bonacci
Sister Eileen Hinsberger, O.P.
Nancy Javore
Alice G. Salazar

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

Sophia Antunez Bello
Isaac Escobar-Castillo
Itzel Escobar-Castillo
Aixa Licea
Jessire Tirado

Donors

Maria Dolores Chapa Clark
Lidia Dubon

Anand Hariharan
Jorge Sierra and Frederick G. Miller
Raymond Souza

Holy Family Scholarship

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

Recipient

Israel Garcia Ibarra

Donors

Reverend Stephen Howell
Jan and John Stiggins

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

Derron Gibson
Camille Brown
St. James School

Kaeley Aldana
Natasha Guzman
St. Ignatius of Loyola School

Jacqueline Sanchez
Christopher Kim
St. Michael's School

Lilly Hernandez
Evelyn Dominguez
St. Frances X. Cabrini School

Tiona Truong
Valeria Sanchez
St. Elizabeth School

Juliette Lara
Ashley Ochoa
Santa Teresita School

Catalina Bayardo
Juan Ramos
St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School

Patricia Gochuico
Cathryn Carbajo
Sacred Heart School

Donors

Katherine and René Berger
David N. Catton
Shannon and Sean McDonald
Linda Mullen
Jay Navarro
Rita Pauli
Joanne and Robert Smith III

Veritas Scholarship Sister Mary Dominic and Sister Mary Thomas

Through this tribute, two eighth grade students receive a \$2,500 scholarship for Courageous and Compassionate Leadership, a hallmark of the two outstanding congregational leaders.

Recipients

Citlalli Esquivel
St. Elizabeth School

Jordlyn Carr
Sacred Heart School

Donors

Christine DeLeon
Andrea Finerty
Patty and James Grass
Roseanne and Paul Lyon
Alice G. Salazar

McKenna Family Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the McKenna family to support students at their alma mater, St. James School.

Recipients

Joseph Anzueto
Giovanni Campos
Bethany Jimenez
Alison Giron de Leon
Lana Marie Montez

Donors

Joyce Esparza
Katherine Hamburger
Melanie and John McKenna
Edna and William McKenna

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

Sandra Cuevas
Beatriz Loza
St. Elizabeth School

Jennifer Caputo and Marion Aguilar
Ana and Steve Mendoza
St. James School

Sulma and Fidel Sanchez
Maria and Javier Vargas
St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School

Donors

Noreen Divito
Maureen Huntington
Kay and Will Lindsay

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

Melina Palacios
St. Elizabeth School

Geleena Cordova
St. James School

Itzel Escobar-Castillo
St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School

Frankie Gonzalez
Santa Teresita School

Getsemani Sanchez
St. Frances X. Cabrini School

Holly Barrientos
St. Ignatius of Loyola School

Victor Galvez
St. Michael's School

Nadya Rocha
Sacred Heart School

Donors

Vanda Alicastro
Linda C. Applegate
Mercedes and Dave Brady
Toni and Rodney W. Burgoyne
Stephanie Capodanno
Reverend Dan Carter
Don Casper
Carol Gemmet Clarke
Mayvernie and Peter De Santos
Noreen Divito
Sandra and Jere Driscoll
Gina and Andy Fixa
Nina Gaetos-Estrada
Mary Golden
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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 \$1,500 scholarship.

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Scholarships Grow in 2021

We are thrilled to share that two new memorial scholarships have been established for our schools in Los Angeles. We are most grateful to Laurie and Jeff Smith and Teresa and Brian Carlson, for their generosity and dedication to Vision of Hope.

Levy-Smith Family Scholarship

Laurie and Jeff Smith, long-time supporters of Vision of Hope, have established a scholarship in memory of Laurie's parents, Loretta and Roy Levy. The Levys were impressed by the mission of Vision of Hope and its pursuit of a quality education for all children.

The scholarships will be provided to new students in grades K-2 who

otherwise might not be able to afford a Catholic education.

Beginning in the fall of 2021, one child from Santa Teresita and one from St. Michaels, will receive \$3,000 annually for two years. Each year, two students will carry over from the previous year and two more will be added. Over the next five years, a total of eight new students will receive two-year scholarships. Through this \$50,000 commitment, the scholarship fund strives to continue to make our schools truly accessible for those most in need.

Carlson Family Scholarship

Teresa and Brian Carlson established this scholarship in the fall of 2020 to support African American students who would like to attend a Vision of Hope school in Los Angeles.

African American students represent only about 5% of the total student population in our Vision of Hope schools. In its first year, the schools with eligible students will receive a minimum of \$1,000.

The Carlsons have been generous donors to St. Frances X. Cabrini School, and in 2019, Teresa joined the Development Board and currently serves as Executive Secretary of the School Board.



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August 1, 2020 - July 31, 2021

Vision of Hope completed this fiscal year in strong financial position with a net income of \$2,651,667. We are especially grateful for our foundation partners and individual donors who supported phase one of a major campaign in memory of Sister John Martin Fixa, O.P. These campaign gifts represent 39% of this year's total fundraising revenue.

In terms of expenses, we contributed \$1.3 million to our schools this fiscal year. These funds were distributed for the following purposes:

\$1,166,026 was given for tuition assistance. These funds were generated from the endowment, annual

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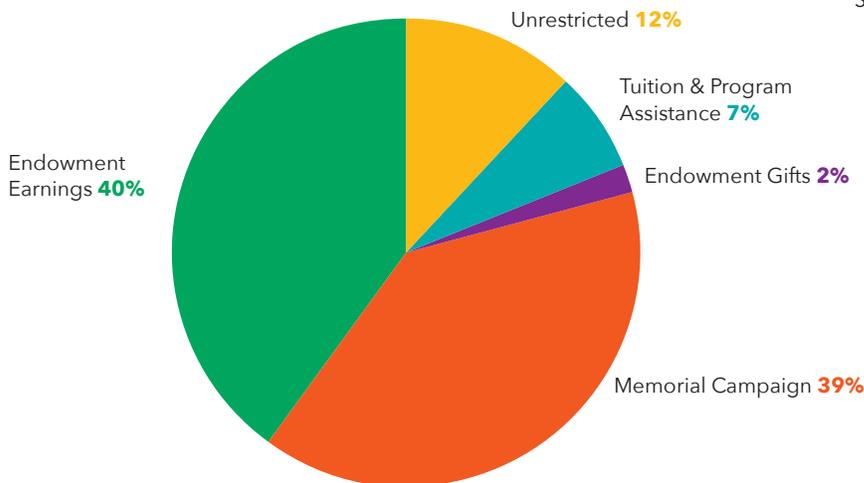
\$134,202 was used to purchase computers, online learning platforms, and support our Parent Leadership and Blended Learning programs.

During this fiscal year, Vision of Hope's endowment returned 14.51%, net of all fees, and after deposits and withdrawals, grew by \$1,556,408.

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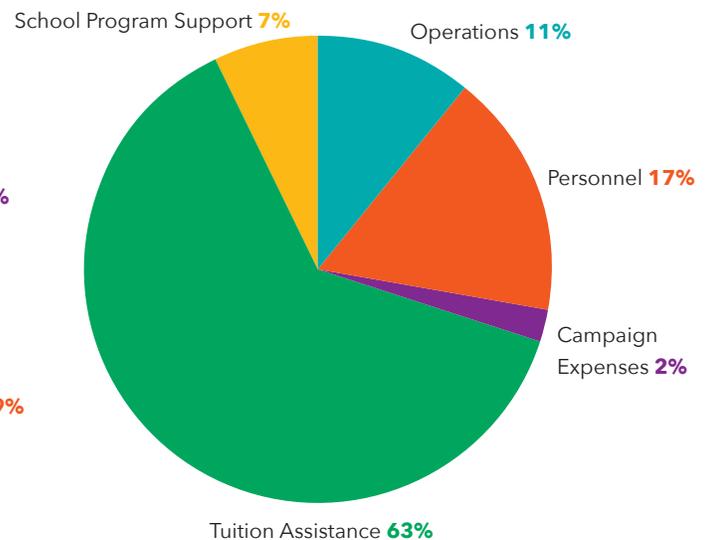
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Income



Unrestricted	\$558,459
Tuition & Program Assistance	\$291,194
Endowment Gifts	\$100,201
Memorial Campaign	\$1,760,528
Endowment Earnings	\$1,810,988
TOTAL	\$4,521,370

Expense



Operations	\$207,965
Personnel	\$323,785
Campaign Expenses	\$37,725
Tuition Assistance	\$1,166,026
School Program Support	\$134,202
TOTAL	\$1,869,703
NET INCOME	\$2,651,667

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By the Numbers

87% LatinX

4% Multi-Racial

3% Caucasian

3% African American

3% Asian and Filipino

1,458 total enrollment

65% of our 8th grade graduates attend Catholic high schools

72% of our families have incomes at, or below, federal poverty levels

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