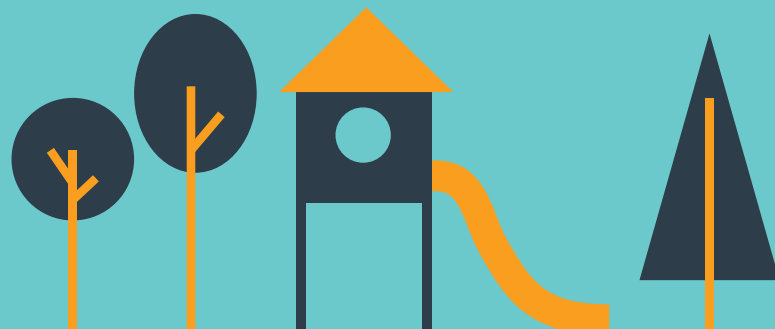




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Dear Friends,

Please allow me to introduce myself: my name is Ted Grigsby. I am excited to announce that I have accepted the role of chairman of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Schools Endowment Foundation of Oregon (CSEF).

Interestingly, I did not experience the positive impacts of Catholic school education until later in my life when I received a Master's degree from the University of Portland, which was an academically and morally fulfilling experience for me. But more importantly, my wife attended Catholic school for much of her life, and I get to witness firsthand the faith formation, intelligence and curiosity, and the responsibility to community that she lives out every day largely-in-part due to her Catholic education. I am thankful (and so are our children) for that experience, and I wish for every kid to have the ability to receive an edifying and faith forming education.

Our goal is to expand our impact so that CSEF can provide that experience to as many students as possible. We want to fill the seats of all Catholic schools in the Portland Archdiocese. Our mission will lead to healthy schools, healthy hearts, healthy souls and a healthy Community. It starts with you and the generosity of all our donors. Thank you for all you do.

I am extraordinarily grateful to follow board member and outgoing chairperson Carol Herman, who shepherded the organization after previous chair Dennis Stoecklin reached his term limit. Thank you, Carol and Denny!

I would also like to give a fond farewell to outgoing Director, Peter Corrado. Peter has done such a tremendous job getting CSEF on its feet. In his four years of service, Peter transformed CSEF from a neat idea to a real, functional non-profit organization. I am very pleased to extend a warm CSEF welcome to our new Executive Director, Kevin Doherty! I look forward to working together with Kevin to build CSEF to new heights.

It is a great honor and a privilege to serve. Like my fellow board members, I am dedicated to helping advance our mission of making Catholic school education available to all who wish to enroll. I believe that with continued growth and careful stewardship of our resources, we are getting closer to making that vision into a reality. Thank you!

Ted Grigsby, CSEF Board Chair



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Farewell Peter and Welcome Kevin!



On Saturday, April 22nd, the CSEF Board of Directors hosted an Appreciation Mass and Brunch at the University of Portland to thank Peter Corrado for his years of service as Director of CSEF. Archbishop Sample and the Board also welcomed Peter's successor, Kevin Doherty, who hopes to build on all the amazing work Peter has done. Kevin has experience teaching and working in Catholic schools as well as public schools. According to Kevin, there are three elements that make Catholic schools unique: Strong community, Spirituality and Service. Together with our growing community of supporters, Kevin aims to guide CSEF further towards its goal of lowering financial barriers to Catholic school education.



Informing, Forming and Transforming our Students Through the Light of Faith

by Dr. Jeannie Ray-Timoney

Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon



Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Portland are a very special opportunity to bring the light of faith to over 15,000 students each year. Our Catholic schools are founded on the defining characteristics of Catholic education

that permeate Catholic schools across the country. These characteristics can be found throughout the documents of the church, including documents from Pope Francis and Pope Benedict IX, the Congregation for Catholic Education and the USCCB.

First and foremost, our Catholic schools are centered in the person of Jesus Christ. In all our programs, lives and activities, our principals and teachers foster a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and engage in communal witness to the Gospel message of love of God and neighbor, while at the same time offering service to the world, especially the poor and marginalized. We work together to understand how best to model this personal relationship with Jesus Christ at each stage of a child's development.

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Portland strive toward excellence in faith development and academics set in a Catholic worldview. All curriculum and instruction in our Catholic schools is designed to foster: the desire to seek wisdom and truth, the preference for social justice, the discipline to become self-learners, the capacity to recognize ethical and moral grounding for behavior, and the responsibility to transform and enrich the world with



Gospel values. Our role as Catholic schools is to inform, form and transform our students through the light of faith. All curriculum and resources are chosen with the mission of Catholic education in mind.

There are a variety of different structures and programs in our Catholic schools. We have schools that have a long tradition of excellence in faith formation and academic excellence, including the

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Montessori method. We also have a few unique structures that are promising for their communities, including Spanish dual immersion and Catholic classical education. All these schools seek to educate through the Catholic intellectual tradition of truth, beauty and goodness.

In our elementary schools, one can see the theological and cardinal virtues being learned, lived and witnessed. Students and teachers are learning to integrate the virtues in their daily lives and lessons. In fact, all educators in Catholic schools go through an onboarding process that includes a full day workshop on the mission of Catholic education and the integration of faith into the life of the classroom. The Catholic worldview for education is emphasized. All educators must also go through a three-year catechist certification program along with faith formation experiences with their colleagues. It is important that all teachers continue their formation in the faith so as to model the faith that is proposed in the school. Faith is a precious gift.

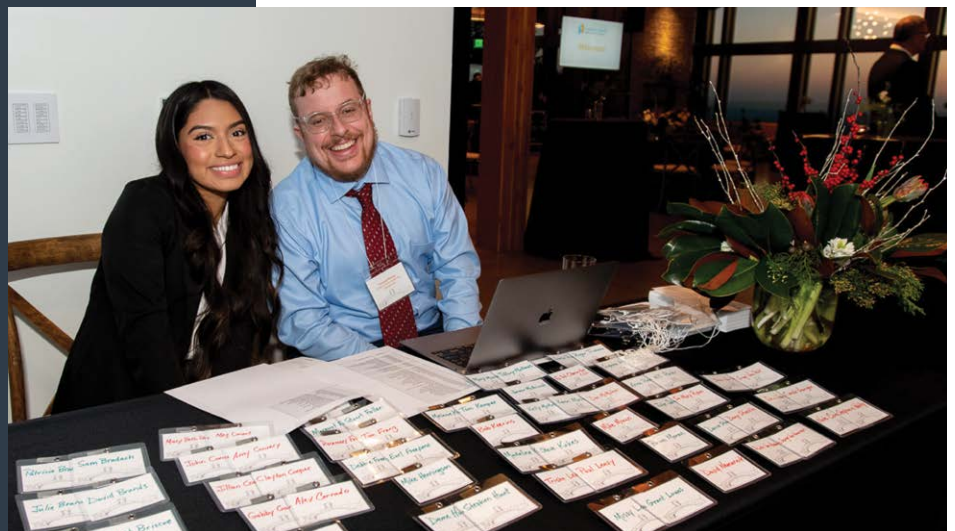


Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Portland partner with parents as the first educators of their children. We invite families in for daily morning prayer, weekly masses and many special events. We partner with our parishes to foster family faith opportunities and community building. If you are interested in what is going on at your local Catholic school, reach out to the principal or contact me directly.

Christ's Peace,
Dr. Jeannie Ray-Timoney, Superintendent

Thank You for Attending Our Christmas Gala!

Our first ever fundraiser was a lovely evening at Portland's fabulous Amatererra Winery. It was a big success, with close to **\$100,000 raised**. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful community of supporters, and we'd like to extend our heartfelt gratitude especially to our sponsors. Your generous contributions make an enormous difference in lowering barriers to Catholic school education. Thank you again!



If you missed the gala you can view the video presentation from the event, with an introduction by Archbishop Sample on the CSEF website. Also: don't forget to sign up to receive our email updates. That way you will be sure not to miss another CSEF event in the future!



Albert and Susanne Corrado
Proud to support CSEF and share the gift of Catholic school education.

The Murphys
John and Christine



Thank You Notes from Families

"[Our son] was behind in many skills when he entered Kindergarten and with constant love, support and attention he has grown so much this year! Furthermore, he gets to be part of a community rooted in love, faith and service. **Thank you for helping make my son's future brighter.**"

— Parent, Holy Family Catholic School, Portland

"We truly could not continue to send our kids to Catholic school without the help from generous people like you. **God bless!**"

— Parent, St. Rose School, Portland

"Thank you so much for your help for our daughter. She is very smart and going into 2nd grade. **With your help it's possible to continue**"

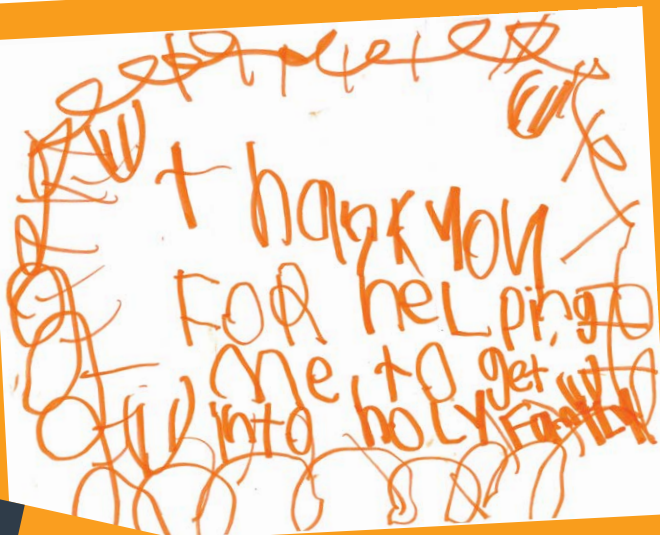
— Parent, Regis St. Mary Catholic School, Stayton

"My husband and I are grateful for your support and generosity. **We are seeing so much growth in [our son's] academic and religious development** and are delighted to see that he loves going to school every day."

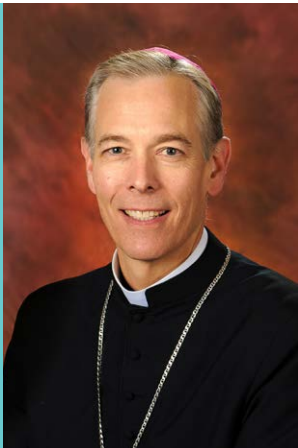
— Parent, Christ the King Catholic School, Milwaukee

"I cannot thank you enough for your help and generosity. Your support has not only helped me financially, but it has also allowed me to focus on my daughter's pursuits without worrying about the financial burden. **There are no words to express the life changing experience this has been for my family.**"

— Parent, O'Hara Catholic School, Eugene



I thank you
for helping
me to get
into Holy Family



“With your help, our students and their families can achieve their dreams of a Catholic elementary education. Please give generously to CSEF.”

**Archbishop
Alexander K. Sample**
Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon

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\$20	\$240
\$25	\$300
\$50	\$600
\$100	\$1,200

Your generous support will help make a Catholic school education possible for more children, no matter which Catholic school they attend or neighborhood they come from. Please consider a gift before our fiscal year-end on June 30. If you have questions, please contact:

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