



ST. FRANCIS

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Hello!

My name is Bill O'Sullivan, and I am the new Treasurer for the St. Francis School Endowment. Did you know we have an annual appeal for the St. Francis School endowment kicking off today? In years past, we've had a brunch event to do this, but this year's COVID has put the brakes on that event for 2021.

Despite this, we still want to put out the call! This is your chance to join in and help build one of the most powerful tools the school has, to cement its longevity and ensure its successful mission to build great people.

Let me share how the endowment could receive as much as \$80,000 dollars a year in matching funds. There are two avenues to direct a contribution:

- 1) Immediate Tuition Assistance: These donations go directly to families in need, who otherwise couldn't afford a Catholic Education, and it helps the school close the gap between base tuition and the actual cost of education. A cost that is increasing every year. Any gifts to Immediate Tuition Assistance will be matched up to \$35,000 this year by the Weston Foundation, and those funds are available immediately.
- 2) The Corpus: this is the long-term investment vehicle for the school. It provides funds for the school every year as a percentage of the investment earnings. This helps the school to provide updated books, improved curriculum materials, and superior class instruction. Donations to the corpus will be matched up to \$45,000 this year.

I have watched our very talented and thrifty principal Ms. Denise Gonzalez rebuild our enrollment over the last 2 years. She is growing St. Francis School at a stunning rate, and keeping it a well-run, efficient and successful school. This is no small feat and is accomplished through the incredible dedication of the precious teachers and staff that make up her team. With the extra funds she receives through these gifts, she can create a school with a broader curriculum and to offset the cost of a Catholic education to anyone seeking it, which is the Mission of the Catholic church. The St. Francis endowment is the greatest tool we have for paying competitive salaries, optimizing our

school's curriculum and creating the best educational opportunities for families seeking a Catholic education for their children

Today we will be kicking off our annual endowment appeal and we have a short video to share featuring testimonials from our students, their families and others in the parish. Check this out:

<https://youtu.be/VDymAfmM6Yg>

The School and church websites and social media pages will have a link where you can donate, and there is a QR code at the bottom. Simply open your phone's camera, and point it at the code, you will be presented with the option to go to a donation website – or, click on this link:

<https://stfrancissherwood.ejoinme.org/Endowment>

The details will also be found in the weekly bulletin if you prefer to donate via check or other method.

Oh, and did I tell you your donation is tax deductible? Please consider your **tax-deductible gift** and appreciate the incredible potential it creates for the school and its students now and in the future. Think also of how we can use this opportunity to spread the Catholic faith and strengthen God's church here on earth...

Thank You for your time!

Warm Regards,

Bill O'Sullivan

