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Pictured left to right: Reverend Joseph Fogal, Michael Brennan, Michael Muehlenbein

planning elements have become beacons for us, providing light and direction for each step in our relentless pursuit for continuous improvement in Catholic education.

One such goal has involved the need to address the design of Rochester Catholic Schools’ governance structure. After reviewing and discerning survey and focus group data, it was evident that the previous multi-tiered organization of RCS governance that included both the RCS Board of Trustees and the RCS Council operating in parallel required a revision that would allow for greater clarity, increased efficiency, and higher levels of transparency. In response to this call for change, a special task force was commissioned and ultimately recommended a reorganization of the structure to a single-tiered governing platform with sub-committees charged with specific areas, such as policy, finance, and strategic planning, for a more collaborative, informed and timely decision-making model. The process, like any, has not been replete of learning curves and challenges, however, we feel strongly that our goals of establishing a more efficient and effective model of board operations and system governance has indeed been accomplished.

With this said, it is our privilege to share with you, that after a lengthy and thorough process, the new RCS Bylaws outlining these organizational changes were approved by Bishop John Quinn of the Diocese of Winona on April 24, 2015 and commenced active status beginning July 1, 2015.

We want you to know your Rochester Catholic Schools system is in good hands - hands committed to listening to the needs of the community and initiating change, no matter how difficult, for the ultimate betterment of each student’s educational experience. Zeroing in on systemic change will position our Rochester Catholic Schools for future growth from the inside out. With Christ and our Catholic faith at our core, it is our prayer that this new development in RCS governance will allow for every contribution of time, talent, and treasure to go just that much farther and place RCS on a trajectory of success greater than we’ve ever imagined. We thank all of those who support and serve Rochester Catholic Schools. Without the generosity of our benefactors - parishes, foundations, families, and individuals alike - we would not be in a position to provide such a high quality educational experience, rooted in faith, to the children of the greater Rochester area. Thank you all for your contributions and strong shoulders.

May RCS, through your love, prayers, and support, forever be a place where our God is made known, loved, and served.

Michael Brennan
RCS Director of Schools

Reverend Joseph Fogal
Co-Chair, RCS Board of Trustees

Michael Muehlenbein
Co-Chair, RCS Board of Trustees

Dear Families and Friends of Rochester Catholic Schools,

We must always remember the shoulders on which we stand - of those who have come before us - and those who will come after. We are called to have the spirit, foresight, and determination to make impactful changes with both the present and future in mind, as our predecessors have done.

In our unending quest to provide the highest quality education aimed at the spiritual, academic, and social development of the whole child, Rochester Catholic Schools remains committed to the overarching goals and high-level objectives generated through the ongoing process of strategically planning for our school system’s future. These

SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS
100%
OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATE
IN SERVICE LEARNING

Promoting service projects throughout the community encourages students to embrace our Franciscan heritage while preparing them for future vocations.

90
ON AVERAGE, RCS GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS
(K-8) SCORE IN THE 90TH PERCENTILE ON
NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS IN READING AND MATH

86%
OF STUDENTS
IN GRADES 5-12
PARTICIPATE IN EXTRA-
CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular activities help children to build self-confidence and leadership skills outside the classroom while working in fellowship with others.

26.3
Average ACT
score of the
Lourdes High
School Class of
2015, topping the state average of 22.7
and national average of 21.

100%
OF GRADUATES GO ON TO PURSUE HIGHER
EDUCATION, MILITARY, OR ATHLETICS

Providing students with 21st century skills and leadership experience for success in a technology driven culture and their roles as global citizens.

15%
of LHS classes are AP, Honors, or PSEO

2014-2015 LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Students at Lourdes High School in grades 9-12 must achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher to be recognized for their achievement. * Both 1st & 2nd semester honor roll

Mallory Adamson *	Mason Carstens *	Adam Hannan *	Logan Morrey *	Lauren Salinas *
Hannah Ahmadi *	Eric Chestolowski *	Elizabeth Hannan *	Brady Morris	Renee Saltness *
Peter Alexander *	Matthew Chestolowski *	Brooke Hansen	Noah Morris *	Ryan Saltness *
Mitchell Allen *	Josef Chlachula	Gabrielle Hansen *	Jacob Muehlenbein *	Sean Salz *
Sydney Allison *	Casey Cierzan *	Josie Hansen *	Abbey Mueller *	John Schaefer *
Bjorn Anderson	Anna Clayton *	Nicklaus Hanson *	Paul Musselman	Ryan Schaefer *
Lindsey Angst *	Jessica Clayton *	Samuel Hanson *	Takeshi Naito	Jessica Scheckel
Nicole Angst *	Claire Creedon	Gabrielle Hanssen *	Laura Nation *	Theodore Scheitel *
Emma Archbold *	Conlan Creedon *	Charles Hanzel *	Natalie Nation *	Daniel Schembri
Andrew Arndt	Rebekah Crowley *	Elizabeth Hart *	Mitchell Nelson *	Wismayer *
Kathryn Bagniewski *	Kathrine Cunningham *	Matthew Hebl *	Mercy Ngugi	Matthew Schmall *
Grace Bandel *	Samuel Dahlberg *	Kathryn Heimer *	Bachtri Nguyen *	Timothy Schommer *
Bianca Banzon *	Joseph Dahling	Katie Helt *	Faustyna Nguyen	Gavan Schotzko *
Ella Banzon	Ella Daniels *	Briana Hennessy *	Lisa Nguyen *	Brendan Scott *
Grace Barry *	Carol Dao *	Grace Herbeck *	Tony Nguyen *	Nicole Seymour
David Bauer *	John Dao	Carley Hickey *	Spencer Nichols *	Brenna Sherman *
Elizabeth Bauer *	Grace Dearani *	Noah Hillman *	Natalie Nistler *	Dominic Sieve
Jonathan Bauer	Patrick Dearani *	Zachary Hillman	Ryan Nonn *	Griffin Slightam
Riley Becher	Owen Degnim *	Megan Hobday *	Noah Nordeen *	Paul Smith *
Anthony Becker	Erica Dettinger *	Madelaine Hugo *	Luke Nordman *	Jack Sperry *
John Becker *	Oliver Dilger *	Stephen Hugo *	Tessa Nordman *	Aaron Stanek *
Alisa Becker-Dunn *	Jia-Lin Ding	Sophia Hyke *	Joseph Novak *	William Stanley *
Ellen Beckman *	Theresa Eckel *	Jacy Jacobson	Sophia Novak *	Nicholas Steinmetz *
Esteban Bedoya *	Adam Ellingson *	Mathia Jacobson	Michael O'Brien	Olivia Steinmetz *
Margaret Beiswanger *	Mark Ellman *	Carter Jones *	Steven O'Brien	Madison Stevens *
Wyatt Beito	Michael Ellman *	Caseyann Jones *	Francis O'Hara *	Jaclyn Stiller *
Connor Belda	Peter Erickson *	Michael Kaiya *	Carl Olson *	Dakota Streit *
Molly Belda *	Thomas Erickson	Amika Kamath	Riley Orr	Montana Streit *
Nicholas Belda	Wencheng Fan *	Marielle Kamath *	Madeline Pagel *	Alexander Szarka *
Stephen Benner *	Stefan Farrugia *	Jerome Kellner	Amanda Pardi	Yu-Han Tao *
Dany Berbari *	Michelle Fitzgerald *	Sarah Kelly	Ryan Pardi *	Emma Thom *
Hadi Berbari *	Nathan Fitzgerald *	Allison Kempinger *	Adam Parks *	Michaela Thompson *
Eleanor Berg *	Ryan Foley *	Justin Kertis *	Meghan Patel *	Jack Thull *
Madison Berg *	Thomas Fox *	Alison Kieilty *	Anabelle Paulik *	Rylee Tjossem
Wynter Bergner *	Rebecca Frank *	Katherine Kooistra *	Annelise Paulik *	Marius Toussaint
Elise Berning *	Nora Freetly *	Andrew Kowal *	Amelia Pearson *	Thao-Vy Tran *
Spencer Berning	Carly Kowal *	Carly Kowal *	Shannon Pedersen *	Andrew Tricarico *
Tucker Besch *	Jennifer Fritton *	Kelly Kowal *	Emily Pike *	David Turlington *
Joshua Bestgen *	Chelsea Galbraith *	Madeline Lacy *	Melissa Pirko *	James Ustby *
Amrita Bhagia *	Luca Galbraith *	Alexander Larsen *	William Pittner	Matthew Ustby *
Grace Bigler *	Daniel Galkowski	Hanna Plager *	Eleanor Utz	Benjamin Utz
Mary Bigler *	Alejandra Gonzalez	Carolyn Leibovich *	Amy Plummer	Nicolas Villarraga *
Brett Boggust *	Espinosa	Rachel Leibovich *	Nicholas Plutowski *	Allison Volcheck *
Noah Borgeson	Ellen Gorman *	Payton Leis	Elle Pollock *	Elena Walden *
Alexander Bowron	Grace Gorman *	Yiguo Liu	Makaelyn Praska *	Zachary Walston *
Natalie Boyce *	Michelle Grant *	Chloe Lo *	Clara Radloff *	Andrew Walther *
Timothy Boyce *	Anna Greenlee *	Matthew Ludowese	Aneesh Ramamoorthy *	Ge Wang
Mitchell Brandhagen *	Carter Greguson *	-Skinner	Ella Rasmussen *	Emma Warrington
Veronica Branson *	Connor Greguson *	Junchao Ma *	Matthew Raymond *	Hannah Wendorff *
Anna Branstad *	Christopher Greve	John Magnotto *	Zachary Roecker *	David Wick *
Clare Brunn *	Molly Griffin *	Mia Magnotto *	Grace Rogers *	Collin Williams *
John Brunn *	Nicole Guevremont *	Megan Mahoney *	Rosemary Rogers *	Brianna Winkels *
Abby Buchanan	Jacob Gursky *	Chloe McDonnell	Charles Rolfs *	Brittany Winkels *
Clare Buntrock *	Joshua Guyer	Kieran McDonnell	Lauren Rolfs	Henry Wittren
Julia Buntrock *	Rachel Guyer *	Maira McDonnell *	Paul Rosemark *	Brooke Younger *
Jonathon Burkel	Caroline Handley *	Henry Miller	Ryogo Saito *	Katelyn Younger *
Melissa Carlson *	Rebecca Handley *	Francisca Molina	Caitlyn Salinas	Andrea Zobitz *

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES 2015 GRADUATES ATTENDED

Arizona State University	Marquette University	University of Minnesota - Duluth
Augsburg College	McGill University	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Augustana College	Mississippi State University	University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Aveda Institute of Minneapolis	Minnesota State University - Mankato	University of Nebraska - Omaha
Benedictine College	North Dakota State University	University of Northern Iowa
Colby College	Purdue University	University of Notre Dame
College of St. Benedict	RCTC	University of South Dakota
Creighton University	Saint John's University	University of Southern California
Dakota State University	St. Catherine's University	University of St. Thomas
Depauw University	St. Mary's University	University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
Drexel University	St. Olaf College	University of Wisconsin- Madison
Emory University	Stony Brook University	University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Gustavus Adolphus	Universal Technical Institute	University of Wisconsin - Stout
Hamline University	University of Colorado, Boulder	Viterbo University
Indiana University	University of Illinois at	Western State Colorado University
Iowa State University	Urbana Champaign	Winona State University
Luther College	University of Iowa	

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Meet Your Board of Trustees

Rev. Joseph Fogal, Co-chair: Pastor, Pax Christi Catholic Church

Why did you say “yes” to serving on the Board of Trustees?
Comes with the vocation and I love our youth.

List an item(s) that is still on your Bucket List?
Fly-fishing in Argentina and a visit to the Holy Land.

My favorite quote, scripture or motto is
“....in life, all things come together, and a river runs through it”



Mike Muehlenbein, Co-chair: Mayo Clinic, RN



Marital/Family Status:
Married 25 years, wife; Linda. LHS graduates: Zach; 22, Sam; 20, Jake; 18

Why did you say “yes” to serving on the Board of Trustees?
Opportunity to assist in the mission of the school and our community.

Please share your greatest life lesson or a ‘lesson from mom’ you still live by today?
Try to be humble, because all you have is a gift from God.

My favorite quote, scripture or motto is
“God doesn’t require us to succeed, he only requires that you try.”
-Mother Teresa

RCS ADMINISTRATION

MICHAEL BRENNAN
Director of Schools

JUNE BARNICK
Accountant / Business Manager

MARTY CORMACK
Director of Technology

MIKE KESLER
Director of Advancement

EMILY PEARSON
Director of Curriculum & Instruction

LYNETTE LENOCH
Principal
Holy Spirit Catholic School

PAUL MENARD
Principal
Lourdes High School

BARB PLENCE
Principal
St. Francis of Assisi School

ERIN WIDMAN
Principal
St. John the Evangelist / St. Pius X School

PAM SMITH
Interim PS-8 Assistant Principal
5-8 Campus Administrator
St. John the Evangelist / St. Pius X School

RCS ADVANCEMENT STAFF

CARRIE PLUMLEE
Advancement Associate/Admissions Coordinator

GINGER SAND
Data Resource Specialist

LAURA SMITH
Marketing and Communications Specialist

2014-2015 YEARS OF SERVICE

Every year RCS recognizes professional individuals that are ambassadors of Catholic education. It’s because of the service and dedication of all our teachers, staff, and administration that our students have ample opportunity to love, learn, and live their faith in service to others in all aspects of their life.

The teachers and staff listed below have reached milestone years of service in 2014-2015. We bless and thank these outstanding individuals.

THANK YOU TO 2014-2015 RETIRING STAFF

Mark Arvold
Ann Dykstal
Sister Theresa Hoffmann
Vicki Jensen
Dave Jewison
Deb Lawler
Pam Pappas
Becky Poturica
Helen Restovich
Nancy Schollmeier

5 YEARS
Milissa Branson
Jerome Garry
Jerry Greenwaldt
Dave Jenson
Joe O’Donnell
Angela Weiss

10 YEARS
Stacie Falvey
Tonia Gardner
Abe Subia

15 YEARS
Nora Bjork
Shannon Clapp

Deb Gill
Teresa Goodrich
Amy Gores
Mary Gudgell
Wendy Hanson
Mary Kelsey
Mary Kilen
Laura Nordlund
Terri Root
Robert Thalmann
Joe Trusty

20 YEARS
Robin Alcala-Saner
Deb Hatzenbihler
Amy Heimer

Vicki Jensen
Gwen Oeth
Tracy Reilly
Amy Thompson

25 YEARS
Laurie Keller

30 YEARS
Ginger Rogness

35 YEARS
Mark Arvold
Mary Hovda

Todd Greguson, Secretary: G & L Insurance Group/President

Marital/Family Status:
Married to my wife Barb (28 Yrs.), 4 boys- Tyler (nurse at Mayo), Connor (freshman U of M), Carter (junior at LHS), Trevor (8th grader Holy Spirit)

Why did you say “yes” to serving on the Board of Trustees?
Because I believe in the unique mission of the Catholic schools to form young minds and faithful hearts. Catholic education focuses on the whole person, which is vital for effective education.

Initially, the hope of building a new high school and the future direction of our Catholic schools were also reasons I wanted to get involved.

Please share your greatest life lesson or a ‘lesson from mom’ you still live by today?
I actually visit with my mom on the phone every day and I treasure the wisdom she shares with me when I’m facing a new predicament.

She reminds me to keep my family close, tell them that I love them, and remind them, “People in your life will come and go, but family will always be there for you!”

My favorite quote, scripture or motto is
“I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”
Philippians 4:13





Brian Leary, Treasurer: Pharmaceutical Specialties, Inc. - Co-President

Marital/Family Status:
Wife; Jill. Children; Erin, Patrick and Alexander

Why did you say “yes” to serving on the Board of Trustees?
RCS has always been an important part of my life. It helped shape me and is helping to shape the lives of my children. I want to help contribute in any way to see that our system continues to thrive

Please share your greatest life lesson or a ‘lesson from mom’ you still live by today?
It takes a lot less energy and effort simply to like someone than to dislike them.

My favorite quote, scripture or motto is
“There are never just two sides to any issue. There are always at least four and a half.”

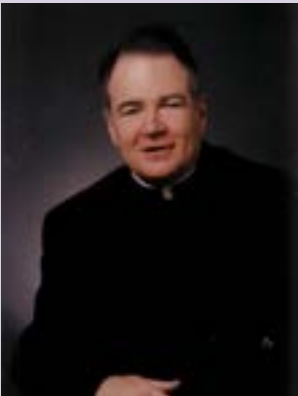
Rev. Charlie Collins: Pastor, St. Pius X Catholic Church

Why did you say “yes” to serving on the Board of Trustees?
I said yes because I am the Pastor of St. Pius X and Lourdes graduate.

List an item(s) that is still on your Bucket List?
I would like to travel more, specifically to Australia and New Zealand.

My favorite quote, scripture or motto is
Jesus said, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25: 40

Please share your greatest life lesson or a ‘lesson from mom’ you still live by today?
My mom had practical common sense which continues to influence me today.



Very Rev. Kevin Connolly: Pastor, Resurrection Catholic Church

Why did you say “yes” to serving on the Board of Trustees?
I said “yes” first to serving at Resurrection as Pastor. One of the duties the pastors of Rochester parishes is charged with is the support and oversight of the schools. I enjoy, support and believe in Catholic schools and am glad to be a part of a very committed Board, and school community.

Please share your greatest life lesson or a ‘lesson from mom’ you still live by today?
There was poster on the wall in our home of a French proverb that said “Miracles happen to those who believe in them.”

List an item(s) that is still on your Bucket List?
Travel to Israel, see the Holy Land

My favorite quote, scripture or motto is
“I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

Ann Harris: Mayo Clinic, Associate Director of the Survey Research Center

Marital/Family Status:
Married to Cameron Harris. Children: Stephanie Burgess and her husband Joshua Burgess and their 2 sons Marek and Colten, and Elizabeth Harris 2011 graduate of Lourdes High School.

Why did you say “yes” to serving on the Board of Trustees?
When my daughter was in kindergarten I started volunteering at St Pius X School and realized the importance

of Rochester Catholic Schools. My father was very active in education and volunteering in the community where I grew-up. I saw the importance of what he did. When asked to serve on the Board of Trustees, I felt that by agreeing to serve I could help ensure that we continue to provide a great Catholic education in the wonderful community of Rochester.

Please share your greatest life lesson or a ‘lesson from mom’ you still live by today?
I was taught by my parents and through my Catholic education to always try my hardest and do my best.

My favorite quote, scripture or motto is
Treat others the way you would want to be treated.



Rev. John Lasuba: Parochial Vicar, The Church of St. John the Evangelist

Why did you say “yes” to serving on the Board of Trustees?
I went to a Catholic school all my life and I believe it’s the very place that helped me discern my vocation to serve as a priest.

List an item(s) that is still on your Bucket List?
I started a school in South Sudan that now has 196 students and my dream is to

My mother had a strong faith. Her example really has been one of the foundations that has connected to me to my own faith.

My favorite quote, scripture or motto is
“By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” Luke 21:19

continue infusing Catholic identity within the school.



Rev. Tom Loomis: Pastor, Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Why did you say “yes” to serving on the Board of Trustees?
As a pastor assigned to Rochester that is an expectation, however, it’s a blessing to be able to serve the students and families of our schools.

Please share your greatest life lesson or a ‘lesson from mom’ you still live by today?
Give a person the benefit of the doubt at least once before you judge.

List an item(s) that is still on your Bucket List?
Hang-out in Alaska for a while.

My favorite quote, scripture or motto is
My favorite Scripture is from John’s Gospel – “Do not let your hearts be troubled- have faith in me.”

Rev. Mark McNea: Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Church

Why did you say “yes” to serving on the Board of Trustees?
In being assigned as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi parish, I automatically became a member of the BOT. As a pastor, I share in the ministry of teaching and passing on our Catholic faith. This also includes helping to provide this through our RCS. I see my participation as a trustee as helping to this Catholic school

education for our children and youth.

Please share your greatest life lesson or a ‘lesson from mom’ you still live by today?
Always thank God for His daily blessings!

List an item(s) that is still on your Bucket List?
I would like to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I hope to do that in 2016.

My favorite quote, scripture or motto is
“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!” Psalm 118:1



Terry Painter: IBM - Manager Infrastructure Services, IBMi Technical Support

Marital/Family Status
Married for 28 years to Christine (Chris) Painter. We have three sons (Matt 26, Mark 23, Michael 20) that all attended Holy Spirit School for K-8 and Lourdes High School.

Why did you say “yes” to serving on the Board of Trustees?
From the first day our oldest son started school at Holy Spirit we felt welcomed into a loving, nurturing, and faith filled community that has been a very

important part of our family life. We feel that our sons benefited academically, spiritually, and socially in the RCS system. I am passionate about the benefits of Catholic education and the future of RCS. Serving on the Board of Trustees is an opportunity for me to “give back” to the RCS community.

Please share your greatest life lesson or a ‘lesson from mom’ you still live by today?
After 15 years as a leader for Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts for me it comes down to keeping it simple with the Cub Scout Motto, “Do Your Best”.

My favorite quote, scripture or motto is
“As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you oh God.” Psalms 42:1

LIVING OUR FAITH *together*



One of the defining aspects of being Catholic is devotion to Mary. Actively practicing this beautiful tradition speaks to what sets Rochester Catholic Schools apart. During the month of May, students from Holy Spirit Catholic School hold a prayer service at the Pax Christi Marian Grotto, located in on the Pax Christi Catholic Church grounds. Students and staff pray the Rosary together while individual classes lay flowers at the feet of Mary during each decade. This pilgrimage has been taking place for the past three years, and it is seen as one of the many highlights of the year for both students and staff.

“Holy Spirit students travel to Pax Christi every May to pray the rosary in honor of Mary, the Queen of Heaven and Earth. During this traditional Catholic ritual, students place flowers around the Grotto as the rosary is recited. Truly, all present are blessed as this beautiful, heartfelt prayer is lifted up.”

- Mrs. Leno, Principal
Holy Spirit Catholic School



“Empowering students to know that they are already scientists.”

Saint Mary's
University
OF MINNESOTA

UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame Summer Camp

By Elizabeth Harris ('11)

For the past two summers, Rochester Catholic Schools held a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) camp hosted at Cascade Meadow Wetlands and Environmental Science Center, now part of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. This collaboration also included Notre Dame's ACE program; the theme of the camp was science and engineering. Students learned about the ecosystem and how it functions, as well as efficiency and conservation in engineering. They spent time outdoors and in the classroom exploring the exciting world of STEM.

The first week of the day camp were spent learning about ecology. Students spent part of their time outdoors in the wetland areas collecting water and soil samples. Back in the classroom they tested the samples and studied how humans affect the ecosystem.

The last portion of the camp focused on engineering. To study energy efficiency, students built mock houses and tested which insulation types were most efficient. Their last project was to build a Rube Goldberg machine, which is a device that goes through several complicated chain reactions to complete a simple task. This gave students an in depth look at what it takes to make a machine work.

The focus of the camp was “empowering students to know that they are already scientists,” said Nicole Herman, the Notre Dame ACE teacher who lead the camp in 2013. In doing this they have a better understanding of their impact on the environment which encourages them to make a change. Students practiced basic science methods, such as data collection, which will be helpful to them throughout their lives. Nicole hoped that they would be

inspired to continue their research at home and in their everyday lives.

Stefan Theimer, the Education Program Coordinator at Cascade Meadow Wetlands and Environmental Science Center, worked closely with the ACE teachers both summers. Stefan explained that the mission at Cascade Meadow is to inspire kids to think about and study science careers, while exposing them to nature. Cascade Meadow is open to the community, but is working very closely with Rochester Catholic Schools as the Green STEM curriculum is being developed. Cascade Meadow Wetlands and Environmental Science Center provides an outdoor classroom for RCS students that can be used for any subject. Students discover real world context for classroom learning, making science and other subjects more relatable to them.

Getting to Know Your Director of Schools

RCS Director of Schools, Michael Brennan, gave us a sneak peek into his life, opening up about his job, his faith, his family, and what it means to serve Christ and His Church - something we all, as members of RCS, aspire to do.

Q: Where are you from?

A: I grew up in Middlebury, CT; a small town in the southwest region of the state. Population approximately 7,500 wonderful people!

Q: What and where did you study?

A: I went to Boston College for my undergraduate years where I studied Fine Arts and Art History. I then went on to earn both my Master of Education degree as well as my M.A. in Educational Administration degree from the University of Notre Dame. During this time I served as an ACE Teaching Fellow for two years in Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Teaching Fellows volunteer service program supporting under-resourced Catholic schools in the United States.

Q: What are some personal interests of yours?

A: My family of course. I love gardening, woodworking, throwing on the potter's wheel, drawing and painting

(though there doesn't seem to be as much time for much of these now), hunting ... and above all I love to dream.

Q: Tell us about your family.

A: My family is my world even though my work/life balance might not reflect that! I have been married to the most beautiful and amazing woman, Denae, for soon to be six years this April. Together, we have two handsome little boys, twins in fact, named Patrick Willem and Quinn Thomas. And of course, our "first born" Oso, our 12 year old yellow lab.

Denae is a Jayhawk, graduating from the University of Kansas where she majored in journalism. During our time in Phoenix she worked for the Fiesta Bowl running their media operations. Since moving to Rochester she has developed her own, successful business - Denae Brennan Weddings and Events.

Q: How long have you been Director of Schools?

A: I'm beginning my fifth year with RCS.

Q: As Director of Schools what is it that you do?

A: My role is to provide support, direction, vision and resources to the leadership, staff and students of RCS, and to do so humbly by witnessing to the model of servant leadership as demonstrated by Christ. Of course we can get into the nitty gritty details of business, finances, strategic planning, committee work, operational functions, human resources, curriculum, development, marketing, public relations, board management, budgeting, etc...but that's boring. What my role truly boils down to is, through various means and measures, supporting and most importantly, empowering, the members of our school system (employees and parents alike) all in an effort to form, nurture and educate our students in a faith-inspired and meaningful way...my "job" is to help RCS be the very best Catholic educational institution it can be, so that it can assist every student who walks through its doors in realizing their self-worth, their potential, and how deeply loved and cared for they are.

Q: What does your relationship with students/staff/board of trustees look like? How are these relationships valuable in the context of your job?

A: My job is all about relationships. Building them, revealing them, cultivating them, and leveraging them to support our students. Truthfully I wish I had more time to spend with our students- not just as a spectator at events, performances and athletic contests, observing them in the school environments or celebrating Mass, but in a way that would create genuine and intentional opportunities to grow together while walking our journey of faith...this is an element of my previous positions that I miss dearly.

However, I find solace and reward in knowing my work with peers - both colleagues and volunteers - is always aimed at generating support for the benefit of our kids.

But back to relationships. They are instrumental to our level of success in fulfilling our mission. Without the meaningful contributions of so many members of our community we would not be anywhere close to where we are today. It is my role to continue to nurture and grow these relationships. I have said it many times before but we are here today only because we stand on the shoulders of the ones that came before us.

Q: Why did you choose to do what you do?

A: I didn't choose it, it chose me. I just listened to where God was calling me to serve, and did my best to answer.

Q: What are a few milestone moments thus far in your career with RCS?

A: Milestones are big occasions and reasons for celebration. The first I would have to say was opening the new high school. After spending considerable amounts of time and effort wrapping up the capital campaign and the various aspects involved with the construction of such a large facility, finally seeing students walk through the halls provided an immense sense of gratitude and achievement. The second, would have to be leading the systemic change of addressing the RCS governance and organizational structure to foster greater levels of clarity, transparency and efficiency - ultimately in an effort to support RCS in being a more effective partner to parents in the education of their children.



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WE LIVE OUR FAITH *together*



How a school is part of a parish

It is essential for our schools and parishes to continue to foster a cooperative relationship that breeds a reciprocal life-giving energy and understanding of the Catholic faith in our church and local communities. On Sundays we see our families representing the faith and fostering the importance of living the gospels. Our students show the fruits of these efforts through regular participation as altar servers, hospitality ministers, and volunteers. Throughout the week, in and outside of our daily prayers and weekly Mass, our schools work hard to continue to harken back to the teachings of Jesus and scripture as we work to instill values and enlightenment in our young people. This investment continues to grow the Church. By mindfully rooting ourselves in Catholic education, we hope to instill the lasting reward that a continual faith journey can offer.

With profound gratitude, we recognize the investment that our parishes place in our Rochester Catholic Schools system. Their contributions bless us with safe and functional facilities, financial support to reach a broad community that seeks a faith-based education, community resources for service learning opportunities or to help our families in

need, and a network of parishioners that pray for our continued success. We are committed to showing our gratitude, and we take that commitment seriously.

Recently, we have worked to strengthen the relationship between our school and parish. For example, at St. John the Evangelist/St. Pius X School we helped realize the dream of building a sister school in Yei, South Sudan. Our students created prayer cards for their peers across the world, bringing awareness to educational privilege and solidarity among young Catholics everywhere. In addition, the school hosted an altar server orientation, which brought new students forward to help celebrate Mass. Visitors are welcomed for daily Masses, funerals, and special functions in the school's hallways on their way to worship.

As the city of Rochester continues to grow, our schools must continue to develop this cooperative relationship with our parishes. For visibility and vitality of the Church, it is important for our neighborhoods to realize the benefit that our church community and Catholic school students have in our city and our region. For the evangelization of our young people, it is important for us to continually renew our connection to the Church's mission to lead our students

and their peers toward a virtuous life. These efforts can assist us in remaining grounded in our faith and hopeful for the future of the Catholic Church. More importantly, however, these efforts can continue to emulate the good work in which we have been called to participate for over a century and help us to grow that participation in the years to come. By calling people to the Church, we are also calling them to a faith-filled life—perhaps through Catholic schooling. By inviting them into our Rochester Catholic Schools system so, too, are we calling them into the Church.



SJSP students sent prayer cards to students in Yei, South Sudan.

Lifelong Learners

Teachers as Lifelong Learners

Rochester Catholic Schools' teachers are dedicated, hard-working, inspiring educators who not only love teaching, but also love learning! Our faculty and staff embody the idea of "lifelong learners." They engage in conferences on the weekends, attend trainings at universities, participate in Professional Development series over the summer, connect with other educators through social media platforms, and pursue graduate level programs all in the pursuit of being the very best educators they can for our students.

Back to School

Several RCS teachers are currently attending graduate school or have recently earned their graduate degrees. Emily Welhaven (St. Francis of Assisi School) earned her Master of Arts in Literacy Education from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. Ms. Welhaven explained how she grew as an educator from this experience:



"This program has provided me with a toolbox of research-based strategies and resources for instruction and assessment to meet the literacy needs of my students. If I know a student or group of students is struggling with a particular literacy skill, I have a toolbox of interventions and assessments I can pull from to help the student(s) develop."

Sarah Werle (St. Francis of Assisi School) completed her Masters of Education in Teaching and Learning degree through Saint Mary's University. Ms. Werle explained how she stayed energized in her class:

"Lifelong learning is what good teachers should strive for throughout their career. Students that see their teacher



as a model of learning will mirror the example. Teachers that consistently look for new ways to teach and new information to share will be able to transition with students in an ever-changing environment."

The Future is Now

Education has changed dramatically in the past five years. Our teachers are working every day to better meet the diverse learning needs of our students. One tool that helps our teachers reach students at their own level and engage them in authentic learning experiences is the use of technology and the way it's incorporated into the teaching and learning process.

In early 2014, instructors Karen Swatosh, Trista Zobitz, Audrey Wenner, Pam Bagniewski, and Julie Degen completed a six week online class focusing on effective teaching strategies in an online environment. Ms.

Wenner describes the experience:

“Last year I completed a class that was designed to help teachers effectively incorporate LMS [learning management system] such as Moodle or Schoology into the classroom environment. By utilizing other forms of technological advances, like Google Drive and Google Classroom we have been able to bring my classroom to students, no matter where they are.



Trista Zobitz describes how she is learning with her students in order to best meet their needs:

“Our students learn very differently than they have in the past because of the rapidly changing world of technology in which they are living in. As teachers, we need to grow with our students to be able to effectively reach them in this 21st century.”



Project Lead The Way

Over the past two summers, 18 teachers have attended training to become certified Project Lead The Way (PLTW) educators. Instructors Dave Jenson, Angela Weiss, Tracy Reilly, and Paul Bachman each spent two weeks at Minnesota State University Mankato and the University of Minnesota in what we enduringly call “Project Lead the Way boot camp.” The goal of this intense training experience is to provide our teachers with the tools and skills necessary for effectively teaching the PLTW curriculum, and providing our students with cutting-edge learning opportunities.

Mr. Jenson writes:



“This year being involved with the PLTW curriculum for Biomedical Science has helped me to become well-versed with project-based learning concepts and how to implement them into my teaching. Because these strategies are based on best practices, I have used many of these techniques in all the classes I teach, not just PLTW courses.”

Andy Poterucha, Charlie Swanson, Erin Kirkpatrick, Amy Hameister, and Sarah Limpert attended *PLTW Gateway to Technology* training for a week in August 2015. While the hours were long and the curriculum challenging, the instructors came back excited to implement PLTW into their classrooms and make science come alive for our students.

We have also had eight teachers attend *PLTW Launch* training to become “Lead Teachers.” These Lead Teachers train and guide the rest of the elementary teachers throughout the year on the implementation of the *PLTW K-5 Launch* curriculum. Sara Staiert and Brian Krenik are Lead Teachers at St. Francis of Assisi School. Chloe Schluttner, Cheri Block, and Jen Good are Lead Teachers at Holy Spirit Catholic School. Mary Kilen, Laura Anderson, and Karen Gonzalez fill the Lead Teacher role at St. John the Evangelist/St. Pius X School.

Lifelong Learning

Even our administrators are headed back to school. Paul Menard, Lourdes High School Principal, is attending the University of Minnesota to work on his Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree and his superintendent licensure. Emily Pearson, RCS Director of Curriculum and Instruction, recently earned her Ed.S-degree at Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota. They both sum up the passion and zeal they have for learning that keep so many of our teachers and students inspired.

“Continuing education humbles and fascinates me. It is the perfect way to model for our students. If I lose my hunger to continue learning, I become a less effective leader for our students. One will never know everything; that uncertainty needs to motivate students, not leave them running for the hills and reluctant to learn. Therefore, it is my duty to revel in the things I do not know, admit that there is more to learn, and continue to engage in any type of new learning curves that come my way!”



“Saint Mary’s University has inspired me to be open to change and look forward to new possibilities in education. Since I am passionate about creating schools where students experience a world class, 21st century education, I have been focusing on how to help teachers collaborate and work together to meet the needs of diverse learners.”

K-12 Reading Program-Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota

With the goal of supporting literacy instruction and student reading development, RCS has established a cohort of ten teachers who are participating in a K-12 Reading Certificate Program through Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota. It is a powerful learning experience for all involved. Our teachers have committed to earning 17 credits over the course of the next year and a half. They attend classes on weeknights and on weekends, all in an effort to more effectively meet the needs of all students.

St. John the Evangelist/St. Pius X School: Emily Heydon, Annette Sinn, Laura Anderson, and Kathy Schroeder

St. Francis of Assisi School: Sara Staiert, Rachel Strauss, Robin Erickson, and Renae Majewski

Holy Spirit Catholic School: Mary Greve and Chloe Schluttner



Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) - University of Notre Dame

Last year, RCS, along with schools across the Diocese of Winona, partnered with the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Collaborative from the University of Notre Dame. The purpose of this partnership is to raise the academic rigor for all students while integrating Catholic identity into all curricular areas. To this end, members of our teaching staff and administration were involved over the summer in workshops and training focusing on curriculum, instruction, and assessment for the content areas of social studies and math. Throughout the coming school year, those RCS teachers who were trained will be sharing their knowledge with the rest of the RCS faculty. Our work with ACE supports our teachers in their growth and development as professionals geared towards challenging all students in an effort to help them achieve high levels of learning.

Summer Institute

This past August, Rochester Catholic Schools hosted the second annual RCS Summer Institute. This was a professional development opportunity, at no charge to the participants, for all faculty and staff in the Diocese of Winona! Teachers, administrators, substitutes, and support staff came together to learn from and with one another. Most of the classes were taught by our very own talented teachers, and several outside experts were also brought in to help our teachers and staff learn and grow. **Over 30 classes were offered over two days with more than 130 participants. Session topics included:**

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| • Math from a Catholic Worldview | • iMovie in the Classroom | • Catholic Education and Critical Pedagogy |
| • Flipping Your Classroom | • Motivation: It’s Important for the Teacher, too! | • Reading Strategies for Content Area Teachers. |
| • Lectio Divina | • Online Assessment | • Assessing Student Work with Google Tools: Flubaroo, Goobric, and Pear Deck |
| • Using Technology in Music Classrooms | • Google Forms for Quizzes | |
| • Being a Leader in a Catholic School | • Google Classroom | |

Giving Back to the Community

Student reflection submitted by Theresa Eckel

From Rochester to Red Lake

Pope Francis once said, “When we are generous in welcoming people and sharing something with them, not only do we no longer remain poor: we are enriched.” One Sunday morning during the summer of 2014, my family and I attended Mass at St. John’s Church in downtown Rochester and Fr. Jerry Rogers of St. Mary’s Mission School coincidentally was presiding as priest. Throughout the Mass, I perceived Fr. Jerry to be an ordinary Catholic priest - until his homily. He had a way of connecting with the minds and hearts of people as he shared the journey of his vocation to priesthood and described the extremely difficult life that those on the Red Lake Indian Reservation face on a daily basis. When he revealed that many children, even some as young as six, took their own lives because of such harsh reservation conditions, I knew something needed to be done. As Fr. Jerry began to explain the great need for food and dry goods on the reservation, an idea then instantly clicked -- a food drive.

As people and as Catholics, it is our mission to serve others who are less fortunate. The Red Lake Food Drive was incorporated into the entire Rochester Catholic Schools (RCS) community as a chance to better the lives of many children and families on the Red Lake Indian Reservation in northern Minnesota. As shown by the results of this project, a combined group of schools working together can always accomplish more than one school alone. RCS collected 400 bags of donations - enough to feed the people of Red Lake for an entire month. Since this project was completed during the month of March, our donations will be matched by the Minnesota Food Share Program. This means that in total RCS donated 800 bags of much needed food which will feed the people on the reservation for two months. The success of the campaign was completely reliant on the generosity of the RCS system. From these results, it is clear that the students and families of RCS are immensely thoughtful and willing to give to those in need.

During moments of uncertainty, faith guides us. Many times I questioned whether the campaign would ever be as successful as I hoped. By praying to God I was reassured in my efforts to continue the drive. The result ended in there being more donations than expected. As several volunteers, families, and I packed the last few bags of donations into the U-Haul truck, it truly felt that as a community and with faith, people can accomplish so much more than ever imagined.



RCS collected 400 bags of donations that is projected to feed the people of Red Lake for an entire month.



Lourdes High School students tour Pharmaceutical Specialties, Inc. (PSI) with Co-owner and Lourdes Alum, Brian Leary

Real World Experiences

Drawing from her background of working at IBM for ten years, Mary Kelsey, the Lourdes High School Business Instructor, has a unique ability to bring a real world business perspective to the classroom. “Experience in the business culture has made a difference in my approach to teaching,” says Kelsey. With her focus on authentic learning, Mrs. Kelsey has strengthened the business education curriculum at Lourdes.

Her vision for the business department helps students in two main ways:

“We want to assist our students if they have potential and interest in a career in business, and also prepare them for college learning,” she said.

To accomplish this, the business department offers a series of seven electives for students in grades 10-12.

The purpose of these business classes is to build an academic foundation for success, as well as develop critical thinkers. No textbooks are required for any of Kelsey’s courses, and lectures are interactive as she makes use of videos, SmartBoard, and in-class discussion.

The most important concept in Mrs. Kelsey’s eyes is teaching the students how important networking can be. As part of her curriculum, Kelsey calls upon the community to establish relationships and provide relevant and applicable learning opportunities for her students.

Site visits, guest lecturers, and real-world learning set Kelsey’s business classes apart. Mrs. Kelsey connects with more than 36 outside business leaders and entrepreneurs – with more than 20 of these presentations being out-of-the-classroom experiences. Embracing the philosophy that learning takes place outside the four walls of the classroom Kelsey breaks down traditional approaches to instruction by bringing the students to area businesses for an up-close and personal look into the world of business and industry.



“This unique experience takes them to a different level of learning,” says Kelsey.

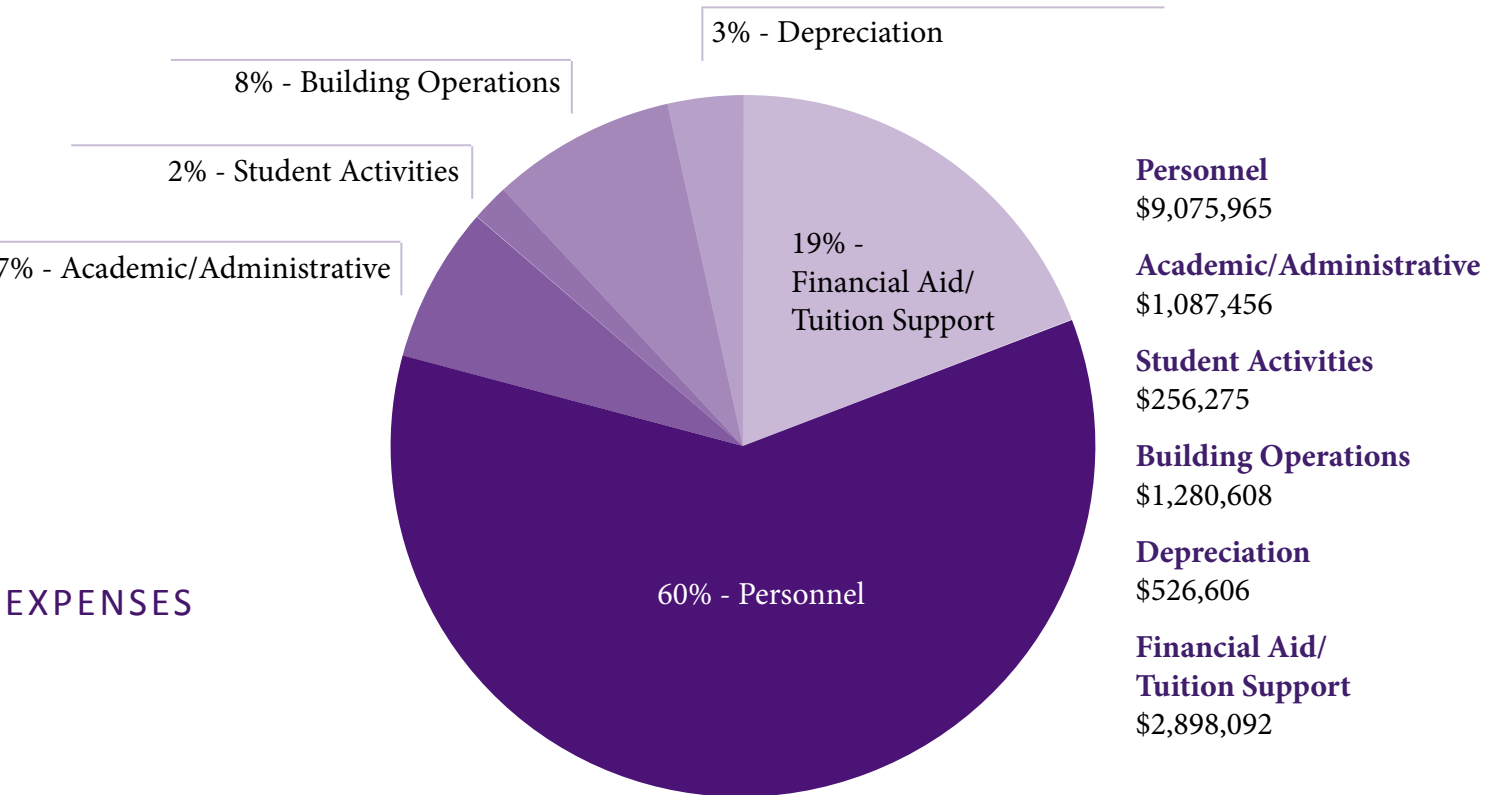
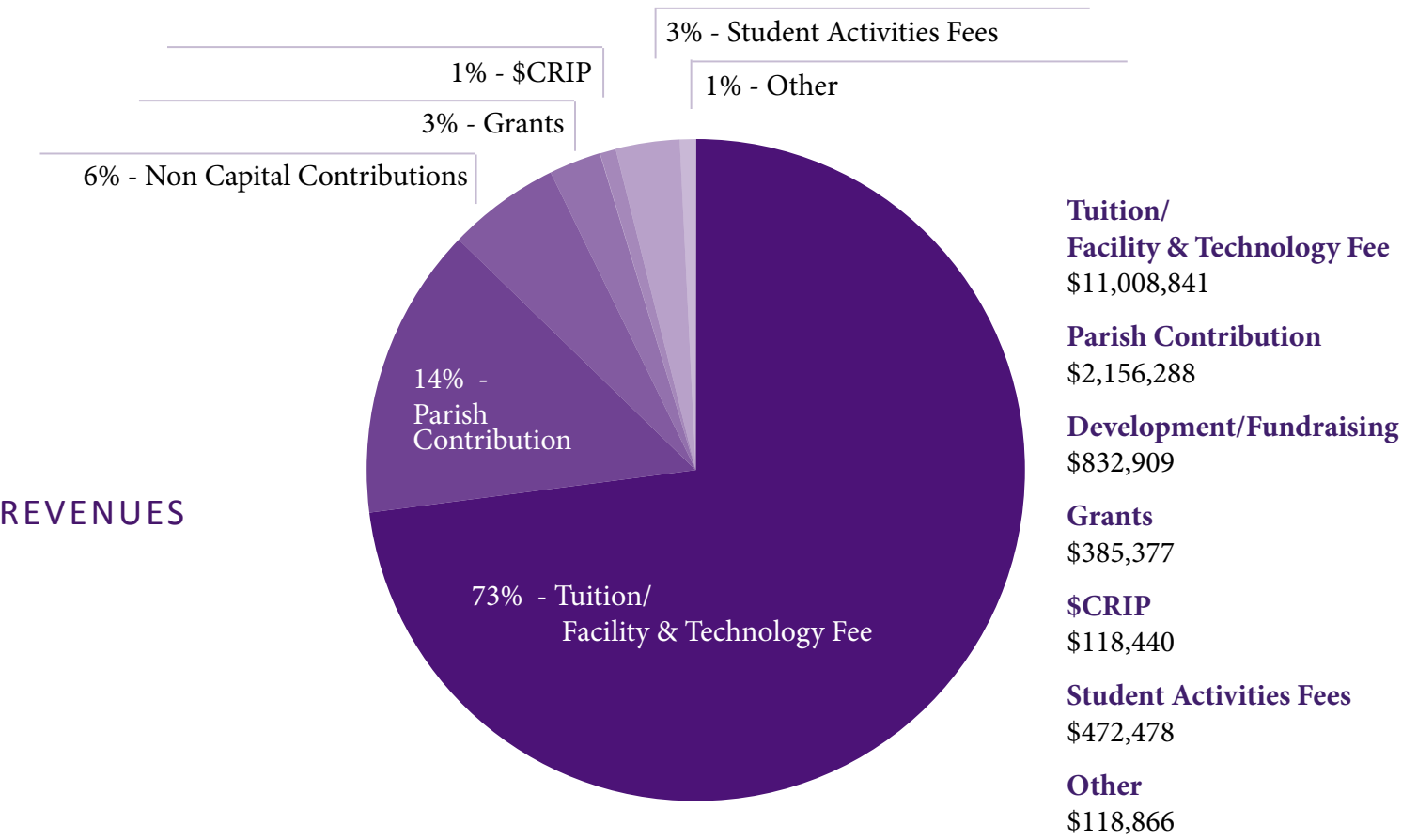
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ASSETS

	2015	2014
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,161,537	\$3,554,307
Cash held for the benefit of others	\$288,332	\$266,418
Investments, at market	\$1,475,651	\$1,493,630
Receivables	\$176,543	\$152,778
Capital campaign pledges receivable	\$43,718	\$77,440
\$crip inventory	\$86,030	\$93,890
Prepaid expenses	\$21,866	\$58,222
Property and Equipment, Land	\$40,686,547	\$41,535,081
Lourdes Foundation, Inc.	\$5,699,652	\$5,739,024
Other Assets	\$87,437	\$154,881
TOTAL ASSETS	\$51,727,313	\$53,125,671

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

	2015	2014
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$93,206	\$110,062
Accrued salaries	\$556,821	\$569,468
Cash held for the benefit of others	\$288,332	\$266,418
Other accrued expenses	\$39,974	\$40,163
Accrued interest payable	\$158,767	\$162,685
Deferred tuition, revenue and deposits	\$43,170	\$59,063
Long-Term Liabilities		
Note payable, less current maturities	\$9,500,000	\$ 9,500,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$10,680,270	\$10,707,859
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$8,377,438	\$8,319,024
Temporarily restricted	\$25,910,590	\$27,301,523
Permanently restricted	\$1,059,363	\$1,058,241
Net assets of Lourdes Foundation, Inc.	\$5,699,652	\$5,739,024
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$41,047,043	\$42,417,812
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$51,727,313	\$53,125,671





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Jay and Karen Young
Jack Young
Todd and Annie Young
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Chris and Cheryl Zabel
Bernice Zimmerman

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2015-2016 Staff

Teachers	Maintenance
108	11
Paraprofessionals	Food Service
25	16
Support Staff	Administrators
38	8
Counselors	
6	

TOTAL: 212

2015-2016 Enrollment

Holy Spirit Catholic School
321
St. Francis of Assisi School
478
St. John the Evangelist/St. Pius X School
384
Lourdes High School
428

TOTAL: 1,611

2015-2016 Tuition

Preschool (2 days)
\$1,275
Preschool (3 days)
\$1,695
Grade School
\$5,950
High School
\$8,220
More than \$2,898,092 in financial aid/tuition support was provided to our families in 2014-2015.

MAKE RCS YOUR HOME

HOW TO ENROLL

For new RCS families, applications are accepted year-round. For priority admission, complete and submit an online enrollment form to your school of choice. No registration fee is required.

TUITION SUPPORT

RCS is pleased to offer tuition support to our families. Through the generosity of parish grants, employee tuition benefits, and need-based financial aid, RCS has been able to provide nearly \$2.9 million in tuition assistance. RCS encourages all families seeking financial support to apply annually through FAIR (Financial Aid Independent Review, Inc.), a confidential financial assistance program. To apply and also learn of additional ways to lower tuition, please visit our website at rcsmn.org/enrollment and click on ways to lower tuition.

TUITION INCENTIVES

We are excited to share with you the following pilot enrollment incentive programs for the academic year 2016-2017; New Student **Transfer Grant**, **Freshman Loyalty Grant**, **RCS Referral Enrollment Award**. These incentives are designed to both retain and attract families to our schools. Learn more online at rcsmn.org/enrollment and click on ways to lower tuition.

TAKE A TOUR

Campus tours are always available at any time of the year. Tours are a great way to learn more about our schools providing you and your family an introduction to life at RCS. To schedule a tour please call (507) 424-1817 or visit our website at rcsmn.org/enrollment/tour.

SHADOW AN RCS STUDENT

Shadow visits are offered at all of our Rochester Catholic Schools locations for prospective students who would like to experience RCS in a personal way. Students at Lourdes High School are able to spend the day with an LHS student, attending classes and experiencing what it would be like to be a member of the RCS family. Interested students at the grade school level also have similar opportunities to visit one of our RCS PK-8 sites and witness the classroom in action. To arrange a visit at any of our grade schools or Lourdes High School please contact our Admissions Coordinator at (507) 424-1817.

ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE

Spring Open House (PK-12)
Sunday, April 24, 2016 • 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. (all RCS school sites)



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