



# LOURDES

## BUILDING OUR FUTURE

### *Capital Campaign Report*

*September 2013*

*Lourdes High School gratefully acknowledges the hard work and dedication of all the individuals who have so generously sacrificed their time and treasures to make this high school a gift to all.*





## BISHOP JOHN M. QUINN



Dear Parents, Benefactors, and Friends of Lourdes High School,

It is significant that our new Lourdes High School opens during this Year of Faith proclaimed last year by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. It is indeed faith that has brought this beautiful facility into reality and it is faith that led us to opening day this August 2013. Our new Lourdes High School is precisely for the purpose of faith – to give the young students of Rochester the opportunity to be educated in an environment that is rooted in faith in a state of the art high school facility.

There are many who have made significant sacrifices to ensure that the gift of faith is passed on to future generations. More than 1,600 benefactors, who because of their belief in Catholic education, have generously donated millions of dollars over the past 10 years. There are countless volunteers who have assisted with meetings, parish campaigns, and mailings; skilled professionals who have directed us through building design meetings, and all aspects of strategic planning.

Through a robust college-preparatory curriculum rooted in the Catholic faith, Lourdes High School guides students to walk on the path of true happiness rooted in the scriptures. Inspired by our patroness, Our Lady of Lourdes, graduates of Lourdes High School will be true moral, intellectual, and civic leaders who lead others on the path to beatitude. Lourdes graduates will be agents of change in all sectors of society, building a culture that embodies the truth about the human person who is destined to share in God's own divine life.

Thank you all for your support for Catholic Education and God Bless you for your generosity to our new Lourdes High School.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John M. Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend John M. Quinn  
Bishop of Winona





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Dear Families and Friends of Rochester Catholic Schools,

One can measure the values and judge the character of a community based on several indicators. I am of the belief that more often than not, it is our natural tendency to commit resources, both human and capital, to those areas of our lives that we believe to be of greatest importance. This value proposition can certainly be a self-defining element and serve to witness to others those things that we treasure and hold most dear. However, to fully understand an individual or a group, one must look beyond “things” and work to understand the stories behind them...and at Lourdes High School our story is a great one.

It is a story that tells a tale of dedication, inspiration, passion...and a dream come true. It is in this story where the values and character of our RCS community become animated and express the beauty of a school family committed to a common goal. It is in this story where the spirit of our community is revealed - a spirit that is palpable.

The Lourdes *Building Our Future* campaign has been just this tale. It has been a journey that has seen an entire community unite to overcome obstacles and realize a shared vision. It has manifested in a sacred space where our students, and all who enter, will come to witness and experience the presence and love of our Lord. The story has been one of inspiration and a testament to the faith, trust and perseverance of RCS.

We all know that a Catholic school cannot construct its identity merely with bricks and mortar, rather, such is developed and defined by the culture of the community that resides within, the pulse of its students and staff, and by the real presence of Christ dwelling in every space. However, it is this very structure, this new and remarkably innovative facility that will allow for these critical aspects of Catholic school life to continue and thrive - richly and boldly. Our new Lourdes High School invites an array of endless opportunities. The possibilities are limited only by our own imagination and creativity. Future developments in academic and extra-curricular programming are at our fingertips, as access to state of the art facilities to support such advancements are now well within our grasp. The new Lourdes High School is a blessing indeed!

We are so deeply grateful for this gift - for our new building itself, but also for the gift of all of you, who through His guidance have achieved a long sought after vision and provided for the legacy of Catholic education to continue for generations of young men and women to come. Thank you for your prayers, your support and sharing in the story of “building our future”.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Michael C. Brennan  
Director of Schools  
Rochester Catholic Schools

DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

“*This is the day the Lord has made...*”

On October 18, 2011, Bishop John M. Quinn prayed these words as the RCS community praised God at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Lourdes High School. This celebration was a monumental day and now, just shy of two years later, we praise God again as He has helped fulfill our dreams – the opening of the new Lourdes High School! As students begin classes at the new school, the gift you made possible will be ever present.

This campaign report on Lourdes *Building Our Future* is an opportunity for Rochester Catholic Schools to say “THANK YOU!” With more than 1,600 families and businesses participating in this campaign, we were able to raise the dollars necessary to make this school an imaginable reality. In addition to monetary donations, the gifts of time and talent have been immeasurable. We are grateful for the overwhelming response to this phase of the campaign.

We have reached 100% of our \$15M campaign goal; however, this amount is only a portion of the \$34M total project cost. After the sale of the old Lourdes High School, a \$10M privately-funded loan must still be repaid. While we are able to take advantage of the physical fruits of your investment today, I invite you to extend your commitment as we begin a second campaign in the fall of 2014.

The dream of this new campus started almost 20 years ago. Through the years, there have been countless meetings, committees, and most importantly, your prayers. As we begin our school year in a facility that will become home, please continue to keep Rochester Catholic Schools in your prayers. We are truly humbled by your sacrifices; may God bless all of you.

With gratitude and sincere blessing, I thank you for your support.

Mike Kesler ‘91  
Director of Advancement  
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# LOURDES *Building Our Future*

## RCS BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMISSIONS A COMMITTEE

Lourdes *Building Our Future* officially began in 2003 when the Rochester Catholic Schools Board of Trustees commissioned a study to address the future needs for Catholic high school education in Rochester, along with the most suitable location for providing this ministry well into the 21st Century.

The study would be fulfilled by a commissioned Steering Committee who was tasked with the following charge:

- Renovate the existing facility without expansion
- Renovate and build on the current site with overall campus improvement and expansion
- Build at Assisi Heights
- Build a new facility on a new site

The combined members of the Steering Committee (later naming themselves and the project Lourdes *Building Our Future* – LBOF) and its subcommittees consisted of more than 100 individuals who invested thousands of hours researching, evaluating and providing input for what was to be the launch of the largest, most comprehensive development campaign in the history of Rochester Catholic Schools, the Lourdes *Building Our Future* capital campaign.

## EVALUATION & RESEARCH

Initial activities included a series of meetings with city leaders and planners, parks department, Mayo Clinic leaders, neighborhood groups and the Sisters of St. Francis to learn what future plans for the downtown area were in the works. Those meetings led the group to eliminate two of the four options identified by the Trustees – renovate without expansion on the current site and build at Assisi Heights. Thereafter,

Lourdes *Building Our Future* began in earnest to gather information to compare the other two options.

The option to renovate and build an addition on the current site included the city block to the north of Lourdes. That property was purchased in the 1990's by Lourdes Foundation, Inc. with a vision of possible future expansion of Lourdes High School. As the process continued the Lourdes Foundation would provide one of the first and larger gifts by donating this property to Lourdes High School.

The option to build a new facility on a new site led the committee to identify nearly 20 pieces of property in and around the city of Rochester. The search narrowed and the current property on 19th Street NW was selected as a possible new green site. The land was later donated by Jack and Mary Ann Remick as another very generous gift to Lourdes *Building Our Future* campaign.

After the property was selected faculty and staff at Lourdes wrote the Learning Environment Philosophy Statement, which gave guidance to decide all of the structural possibilities and dreams that were to come along with a new high school. The philosophy statement also stood as a reminder of the heritage, history and traditions at Lourdes.

The architectural firm of Armstrong Torseth Skold & Rydeen, Inc. (ATS&R), was contracted to complete pre-design services – develop a space program, assess the maintenance and structural needs of the existing building, develop a conceptual test-fit for both options and assist in cost projections for both options.

Compilation of this data provided the

basis for a series of survey questions, town hall meetings and focus group meetings as stakeholders were solicited for input and response. Faculty, staff and administrators at Lourdes High School spent countless hours reviewing space needs, curriculum needs and trends for the future and fast paced, ever changing technology needs.

**“A prayer, *The Student's Grace* was written to give guidance to all committees, Board of Trustees, RCS Council, Lourdes faculty and administration, students and parish members. And pray – we did!”**

*Cheri Rowekamp,  
LBOF Steering Committee*

## CHOOSING A LOCATION FOR THE FUTURE OF LOURDES

There was much work that still needed to be done before deciding whether staying in the downtown location or moving elsewhere was the right option.

Committee members were advised of the complexity of new construction and staging of the project in the downtown location with students present, maintaining daily school operations, the lack of green space as well as the unknown costs associated with renovation and demolition if that site was chosen. The committee also recognized the emotional attachment that was held by many to the existing downtown school building. Responses and comments from stakeholders were compiled and reviewed extensively. More than 75% of stakeholders participating in focus groups and surveys indicated a strong preference for a new green site. The “future parent” groups (parents of grade school children) were nearly unanimous in their support of the green site option. In September 2006, following three years

of comprehensive study of all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, finance, facility and campus environment, spiritual and learning environment, engineering feasibility, Lourdes marketing and demographic trends and stakeholder input, the LBOF committee made its recommendation to the RCS Board of Trustees to build a new Lourdes High School on a green site located on 19th Street NW.

The Board of Trustees took the recommendation into consideration. They continued to review financing options and regulations required by the Diocese of Winona leadership. A feasibility study was conducted by an external organization to identify, cultivate, and secure major gift commitments from a broad spectrum of stakeholder groups. The pre-design architectural plans were reviewed and resized. Marketing and development efforts for Rochester Catholic Schools were enhanced and expanded.

The LBOF committee turned to the staff and students at Lourdes for guidance. “A prayer, *The Student's Grace*, was written to give guidance to all our committees, Board of Trustees, RCS Council, Lourdes faculty and administration, students and parish members. And pray – we did,” said Cheri Rowekamp, LBOF Steering Committee member.

The Board of Trustees moved ahead and final design and construction plans were drawn. The Lourdes *Building Our Future* capital campaign kicked off. A building committee was established. Construction and project costs were confirmed. Financing was secured. A Construction Manager and Owner's Representative were secured. Groundbreaking was held October 18, 2011 and construction was completed March 29, 2013.

## LEARNING ENVIRONMENT PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

At Lourdes High School our sense of community is particular to our spiritual tradition.

We are not simply citizens, peers or colleagues engaged together in the business of education.

Rather, we are dignified among one another by the presence of God, in whose image we are created to community.

Our tradition is rich with the signs of God's presence in symbol and ritual, and our lives are inspired through the Holy Spirit. As educators, we encourage the recognition of the presence of God within each of us. Our physical environment, then, needs to express unequivocally who we claim to be.

The future Lourdes High School should be designed from inspiration. In both architecture and décor, the physical space should represent itself as sacred space to reflect the spiritual motivation of our work; representing the Glory of God in all we do.

## The Student's Grace

Jesus, Teacher, and Friend,  
As we build our new school, give courage, faith,  
and peace to the Lourdes community so we may  
learn and grow together as One.

Keep alive in us the grace of courage so we may  
be led by wisdom in making the right choices.

Keep alive in us the grace of faith so we may  
be humble in our relationships and continually  
learn to see one another as You see us.

Keep alive in us the grace of peace so we may  
always be a community marked by compassion  
for All.

Above all, no matter where we find ourselves in  
life, continue to give us Charity so we may ever  
be Charity for others.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.



The student artist, Tae-Kyung Kim 09', depicted Our Lady of Lourdes in a very vibrant and colorful way because she is our model of prayer, goodness and hope. Our Lady is surrounded with roses as sign of her holy presence as she presented herself to Bernadette, at a similar age to most high school students.





# HISTORY OF

# LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL



## 1877 - ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL

The first Catholic school in Rochester is the Academy of Our Lady of Lourdes School, founded by Mother Mary Alfred and Father Thomas O'Gorman, pastor of St. John's Church.



## 1882 - ST. MARY'S HALL

The Academy of Our Lady of Lourdes continues to grow and the need for an expansion becomes apparent. The Sisters of St. Francis purchase a hall at the corner of 1st Avenue and 6th Street and name it St. Mary's Hall.



## 1912 - ST. JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS & HEFFRON HIGH SCHOOL

Under the direction of Bishop Heffron, St. John's Parish builds two schools; one for boys and one for girls.

The schools are named St. John's High School for Girls, staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis (*pictured above*) and Heffron High School for boys, staffed by the Christian Brothers (*pictured below*).



## 1925 - ST. JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL

The Christian Brothers leave Rochester. Their students transfer to St. John's High School, a new co-educational institution for grades 7-12.

The Heffron High School building becomes the co-educational grade school for grades 1-6.



## 1941 - LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL

A newly constructed high school is named Lourdes High School and resides at the corner of 7th Avenue and Center Street.

Two additional renovations occur, one in 1959 and the second in 1986.



## 2013 - LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL

Due to the aging structure and current educational demands, it is determined, Lourdes will build a new high school. The new Lourdes High School is located at the corner of 19th Street and Valleyhigh Drive NW.





# A Look Inside *our* New School

**“The future Lourdes High School must certainly be a school building. Our hope is that we might plan for it to be first and foremost a sacred space, in which the works of our faith will be cultivated.” - LBOF Campaign Committee**

Construction of the new Lourdes High School began in the fall of 2011, with a groundbreaking ceremony on October 18, 2011. An exceptionally mild winter and favorable spring and summer allowed for tremendous construction progress. Construction was completed March 29, 2013.



Photos by Josh Banks

The new campus preserves the heritage and tradition that represents Catholicism and a true sense of spirituality inside and outside. The design combines the most modern architectural forms with the traditional facets of Catholicism. With a 21st century mission for making the most reasonable sustainable site design decisions, the new school combines innovation and sustainable solutions, using low maintenance, energy-efficient materials and systems designed with tomorrow in mind. The design of the new school also incorporates an infrastructure that is responsive to the continued advances and demands of future technology and what it means for the learning environment.

The new school year began August 27, 2013 and a dedication for the new building is planned for September 15, 2013.

The new Lourdes High School building is 167,000 square feet, built in three sections that include fine arts, academics and athletics.

## Chapel

The 150-seat chapel, as well as the auditorium, will prominently display the stained glass panels that made up the Tau Center windows at the College of St. Teresa in Winona, gifted from Sisters of St. Francis.

The stained glass Holy Spirit window, donated by the LHS Class of 1993, was removed from the old high school and modified to fit in the new chapel.

## Academic Building

The center of the campus is the two level academic building. The space is configured into pods that facilitate departmental areas.

- 20 classrooms
- 4 science labs
- smartboards in every classroom
- 3,000-square-foot library/media center
- 170-seat forum room
- campus-wide, high-speed internet access

The stained glass windows from the old Lourdes High School library were removed June 2012, refurbished and are now installed in the new library.

## Fine Arts Building

- 600-seat auditorium with full stage & rigging
- black box theater, makeup room, scene shop
- music department with a large band & vocal music rehearsal room & three practice rooms
- art department with painting studio & ceramics classroom

The new Lourdes High School will accommodate 525 students when the doors open with room for future expansion.

## Athletic Building

- 1,550-seat, top-loading gymnasium
- multi-purpose fitness & weight rooms
- health classroom
- training room

## Outside Green Space

No other time in history have students at Lourdes High School had the opportunity to walk out of school onto a green space for athletics and enjoyment.

- 24 acres of green space that includes a baseball & softball field, three 100-yard soccer/football practice fields
- 321 on-site parking spaces & room for 10 buses
- additional parking for 53 cars



For more than 130 years, the Sisters of Saint Francis of Rochester, Minnesota have pledged themselves to be faithful to the call of God and to each other. In 1877 Sister Mary Alfred Moes along with her birth sister, Sister Barbara Moes, and 23 other Franciscan Sisters from Joliet, Illinois, came to Rochester and embarked on their mission to begin Catholic education in Rochester.

During the years 1964-2002, most new members of the Franciscan congregation lived at Tau Center while attaining their baccalaureate degree at the College of Saint Teresa in Winona, Minnesota. The Tau Center windows were originally installed in 1965 in Assisi Hall, the new residence hall which later came to be named Tau Center. Many Sisters chose Tau Center as the place for their annual week-long retreat. The Franciscan Sisters have a specific spirituality based on the charism of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi that is reflected in the windows. The Franciscan way of life has been impacted by hours of prayer in the presence of these windows.

When the College of Saint Teresa closed in 1989, the Tau Center remained as a residence of the Sisters engaged in retreat ministry. The declining number of Sisters and the increased cost of overhead led to the decision to close and sell the Tau Center building which was purchased by Winona State University in 2003. It was at this time the stained glass windows were removed and placed in storage in hopes that someday a Franciscan sponsored ministry might be able to display the windows.

When the announcement was made there would be a new Lourdes High School built in Rochester, the Sisters entered into dialogue about the possible placement of the windows in the new high school. How delighted the Sisters were to know these visual treasures were going to stay in Rochester, in a new high school where future generations could view them.

Pope Francis provides a new incentive for reflection on the life of Saint Francis, the simple man of Assisi whose love of Christ transformed his life and his very body into the likeness of Christ. Sister Ramona Miller, who served as Program Director at the Tau Center during her ministry said, “While ministering in Winona for many years, I spent much time gazing on the stained glass window of Francis receiving the stigmata, meditating on the meaning of living a Christ-like life. Now, it gives me great joy to know that these windows are available for a wider public to view and to ponder the meaning of their lives.”

The Sisters of Saint Francis are delighted to tangibly display their commitment to Catholic education with their gift of the windows, 15 feet tall and collectively spanning 150 feet long, which now illuminate the outer walls in the new Lourdes High School auditorium and chapel.



Pictured left to right: Sisters Lalonde Ryan, Ramona Miller, Briana McCarthy, and Mary Eliot Crowley.



# Closing One Chapter, OPENING ANOTHER

## CONTENTS FROM THE 1940 TIME CAPSULE

- 1938 miniature missal
- 1940 edition New Testament Bible
- St. John's children's collection envelopes
- penny postcards
- hand signed lists of the 1940-1941 faculty and students
- class rosters for St. John and LHS
- 1941 first communion class
- handwritten history of the school
- *Post Bulletin* from 5/16/41referencing WWII
- *Post Bulletin* from 10/25/41referencing the groundbreaking of new LHS
- book of Rochester history
- Catholic paper, the *Wanderer* from 5/15/41
- Catholic paper, *Our Sunday Visitor* from 5/18/41
- Catholic paper, *The Register* from 5/18/41
- 1935 silver certificate dollar
- 1935 liberty half dollar
- 1926, 1935, 1938 buffalo nickel
- 1940 nickel
- 1937 mercury dime
- 1936 quarter
- 1937 wheat penny
- 1939 wheat penny
- Rosary
- pin from the 9th National Eucharistic Congress
- numerous St. John's financial reports

• **Photos:** Downtown Rochester, Kahler Hotel, Plummer Building, St. Mary's Courthouse, Post office, Heffron High School, St. John's Church, Sisters of St. Francis Mother House, Various aerial shots of Rochester



Lourdes High School is closing one chapter and opening another. On May 7, 2013, a mason cut out three dated cornerstones that were embedded into the old high school in 1940, 1959 and 1986. The cornerstones represent milestone years dating back to when the school first opened. The subsequent stones were placed in the exterior walls of the school during the time of two different renovations. The first expansion occurred in 1959 and the second in 1986.

Inside the 1940 cornerstone was a 12" x 6" x 6" copper time capsule that contained artifacts representative of our Rochester Catholic community during the era when the first Lourdes High School was constructed.

As the current students begin the transition to the new school, they look forward to sharing their own story that may one day be revealed to future generations. A cornerstone, complete with a time capsule, will serve as a host to items that represent the current life and times of our LHS community.

Some of the items that have been submitted are: the *Post Bulletin* newspaper from Friday, May 3, 2013 referencing the historic spring snow day, a program from the last game in Alumni Hall, eight print editions of the *Lourdes Eagle* (LHS student journal), a cross, a rosary and a candle from the Kairos senior spirituality retreat. In addition the time capsule includes a list of all LHS teams and groups that competed in state competitions over the last 72 years, pages from the 2012-2013 yearbook, and poignantly, a DVD documenting the current Lourdes experience created by Tim Vassallo, '14.

Sam Pearson, the Student Council advisor said, "I have truly enjoyed the process of helping to collect and organize the items for this time capsule. It has been incredibly rewarding to experience the tangible evidence of our school community's proudest moments."

## Sod Turned For Catholic High School

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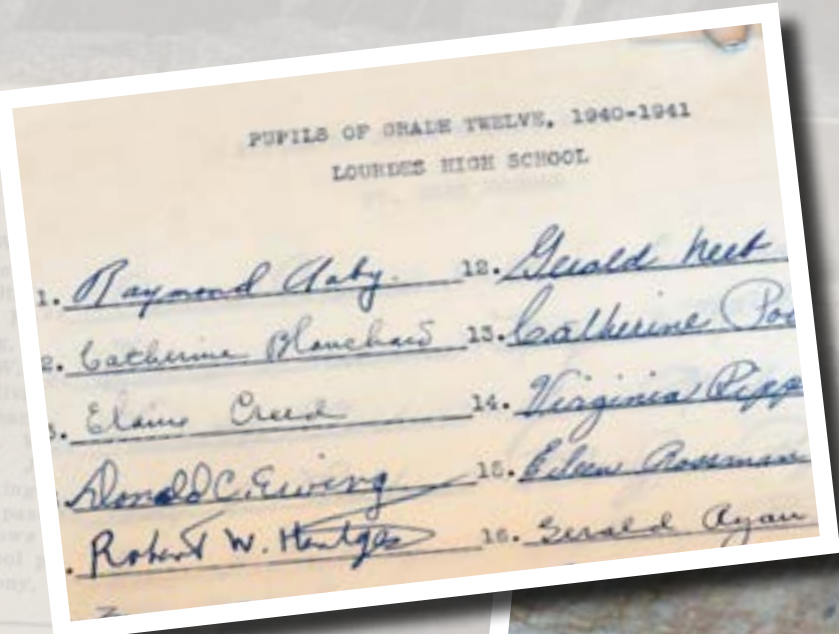
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## Bishop Breaks Ground for Catholic School



1941 SENIOR CLASS  
close-up shot  
showing Lourdes High School  
senior class signatures. The  
graduating class had a total of 21  
students.



1940 CORNERSTONE  
containing a time  
capsule of relevant artifacts from those members of our Lourdes family on  
whose shoulders we have built our future.



# A Year of Milestones

- Karrie Virgin, LHS Senior

My senior year is going to be a year of milestones. The new school presents us students with many opportunities to be a part of all of this building's "firsts." The entire RCS community looks forward to events such as the first musical in the incredible auditorium and the first volleyball game in the new gym. But students are also excited about smaller milestones, such as seniors getting to pick the "Senior Tables" in the Commons and the building having air conditioning!

In the athletic wing, we are blessed to have a fully-equipped new weight room, which I know has already gotten a lot of use by Lourdes students this summer. Personally, I am excited for softball practices and gym classes on our own school grounds. Another thing I am looking forward to is the first basketball game in the new gym. As it was a big deal for the boys basketball team to see who would get the last official basket in Alumni Hall, it will be just as exciting for the first basket in the beautiful new gymnasium. I can already picture all of my teammates chucking up shots, driving poor Mr. Glass nuts trying to score the first official basket in the new gym.

Extra space seems to be a common improvement in this new building. Since the Choir and Band will have separate rehearsal rooms, we will be able to break up into sectionals to rehearse throughout the wing. Plus I think both the Choir and Band can agree that it's going to be great not tripping over all the music equipment, with all the new storage space. Having our own area for rehearsals is going to be key; I even heard Mr. Phelps say that the Choir might even have chairs! I'm really hoping Centersteet Singers will be able to host The Acapella Music Festival this year in our new auditorium.

Let's not forget about the true reason for attending Lourdes High School, our Catholic education. The most important thing for Lourdes High School, specifically, is our faith. The Chapel has been made a very prominent piece of the school. People can now visually see the faith we feel every day. In addition, the academic building, subjects are organized by wings, so finding a teacher in open mods that can help you with questions in a certain subject will not be difficult. Having Smart Boards in all the classrooms will expand the technology and teaching styles that students will learn from.

This building already feels "homey" to me. I love how we brought some of the old with the new. It's awe-inspiring to me to think about all the people who have contributed to the completion of this school. My classmates and I are so lucky to benefit from all of the community's generosity. Thank you to all the donors who have made this building a true reality for so many students, we are truly blessed.



## Lourdes Building Our Future \$34 Million Campaign Goal

\$9M

Sale of the old  
Lourdes High  
School property  
and other special  
designated gifts

\$15M

Campaign dollars  
raised through  
January 2013

\$10M

Campaign dollars yet to  
be raised beginning  
Fall of 2014

**\$15 MILLION** The Lourdes *Building Our Future* capital campaign spanned over 5 years with more than 1,600 donors participating.

**\$9 MILLION** In addition to special designated gifts, the \$9 million includes proceeds from the sale of the downtown property owned jointly by Lourdes High School and the Lourdes Foundation, Inc.

**\$10 MILLION** A \$10 million loan is the remaining balance of our \$34 million goal. Starting in the fall of 2014, phase II will begin to complete the \$34 million campaign.





Lourdes High School, Photo by Josh Banks

Rochester Catholic Schools gratefully acknowledges more than 1,600 donors whose gifts and pledges of support have made this transformational dream a reality. The legacy is so much more than a monetary gift – it is the fulfillment of cultivating young lives of faith, the opportunity for an education, instilling lifelong Christian values and the endowment of a philanthropic spirit in those touched by the generosity of so many. Students of today carry on your legacy by supporting causes that touch their hearts as this high school has touched yours.

**\$1,000,000 +**  
William and Caroline Adamson  
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Daniel and Sarah O’Brien  
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