



ASCENSION
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

SCHOLARS at the CENTER



**Ascension
Catholic School**

**St. John Paul II
Catholic School**

**St. Peter Claver
Catholic School**

**Annual Report
2018-19**

Dear Friends,

We wish you could get to know each of our scholars. Nancia wants to be in every photo taken at Ascension School. There is Arsema at St. John Paul II who cried every day in kindergarten; now in third grade, she is always smiling and offering a helpful hand. And once Samira at St. Peter Claver gets to know you, she always greets you with a hug. Knowing our scholars and recognizing Jesus Christ in them helps to understand why all of us at Ascension Catholic Academy work tirelessly to give them the very best.

As our Scholar Wheel shows, the children are at the center of everything we do. Find yourself on the wheel!

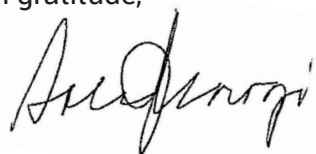
Maybe you are a volunteer, a donor, someone who works for social justice or are a friend who prays for our scholars. Strong circles help us accomplish our mission: A beacon of innovative, inclusive urban Catholic education where scholars soar as beloved children of God and communities prosper.

Several new initiatives and partnerships were highlights of 2018-19. The Higher Powered Learning Program, a project with the University of Notre Dame, is helping us to individualize learning by combining traditional classroom work with online and group study components. The results in our pilot classrooms at Ascension and St. John Paul II schools were astounding. For example: **7th graders at JP II made 2¼ years of growth in reading and 1½ years in math in one school year.**

At St. Peter Claver, our partnership with Groves Academy is helping us more effectively teach literacy, and it shows: **Our 2nd graders advanced in reading at more than double the national average.**

Thank you for all you do for our Ascension Catholic Academy schools! Let us know if you'd like to visit and meet some of the amazing scholars who inspire us all.

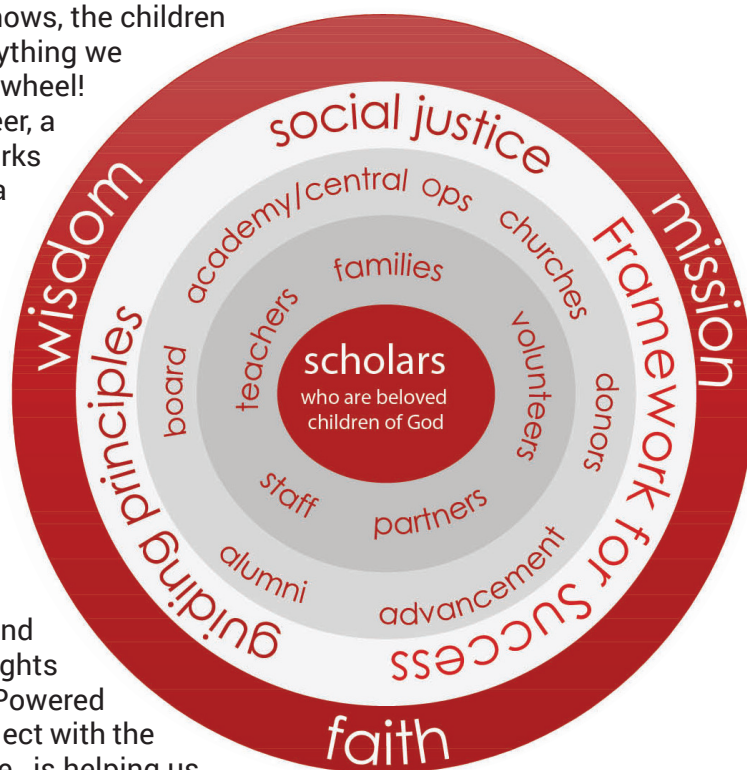
In gratitude,



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37%

of our teachers
have a Master's
degree

898

people
made a gift



271

people joined us
as first-time givers



59

8th grade
Academy
graduates

St. Peter Claver's Class of 2019 with Dr. Josie Johnson, Academy Board Member and civil rights activist; Debbie Montgomery, St. Paul's first female police officer and St. Peter Claver parishioner; and Archbishop Bernard Hebda.

100%

of 2015 graduates we
were able to locate
got their high school
diplomas *



Scholar retention:

St. John Paul II

94%

Ascension

90%

St. Peter Claver

74%

* Includes one JPPII alum who
is still working on it.

Two St. Peter Claver
alum could not be located.

One sure sign of a successful organization is being approached by other groups to form partnerships. Some Ascension Catholic Academy partnerships go back 30 years, while others are in the process of coming together. Regardless, Academy leadership is very strategic about using and maximizing our partner relationships. We evaluate all programs to ensure that they are mission-aligned, add value and are sustainable. Here is a look at some of the organizations that work with us.

Partners in our circle

Partner	Number of years	School involved	How the Academy benefits	Vision for the Future
Bethel College	2	St. Peter Claver	Nursing, social work interns teach and tutor	Expand partnership to other Academy schools
Catholic Charities	Many	Ascension and St. John Paul II	Provide social worker, funded through Federal Title Services, grants	Expand to St. Peter Claver
Catholic Tutor Corps	Many	St. John Paul II	Committed group of reading and math tutors	Expand tutoring to after school program
Cristo Rey High School	3	Academy-wide	Tutors, education assistants	Develop training program
City Connects	4	Academy-wide	Provides counseling and social service support to individualize our social-emotional learning plans	Expand program to include family engagement
Groves Literacy Project	2	St. Peter Claver	Curriculum and instructional resource on literacy education	Expand coaching to all of our schools
MacPhail School of Music	30	Ascension	Stringed-instrument lessons, orchestra experience	Engage at other Academy schools
MN Comeback	2	Academy-wide	Provides professional development for teachers and talent management training for administration	Take advantage of opportunities to collaborate with other high-performing schools with similar demographics.
NAZ	7	Ascension	Provides scholar and family support, is a connector on enrollment, social services and out-of-school programs.	Build upon status as NAZ Anchor School; serve more NAZ families
PaR Systems	2	Academy-wide	STEM resources and professional development	Offer robotics at all three schools
Reading Partners	2	Ascension	Literacy tutoring	Recruit and retain more volunteers
Teach for Christ	3	Academy-wide	Educational assistants work with classroom teachers	Continue to increase number in classrooms
University of Notre Dame	2	St. John Paul II, Ascension	Higher Powered Learning Program: Curriculum and instructional resource on individualized learning.	Expand to classes at St. Peter Claver
University of St. Thomas	2	Academy-wide	Shares facilities, provides tutors, mentors, professional development opportunities	Explore all connections available for mutually beneficial relationship

Quentin Moore:

From a seat in the classroom to a seat on the board.



Quentin Moore brings a unique perspective to the Ascension Catholic Academy Board: He is an alumni of Ascension School. With a degree in advertising from the University of St. Thomas, Quentin is now Director of Major Giving at the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities.

How has the education you received at Ascension guided your life personally and professionally?

The education at Ascension was top-notch. More important, were the intangibles I gained at Ascension: How to communicate effectively, how to work as a team, and how faith can carry you a long way. My immediate siblings and I all graduated from Ascension, and the caring adults, mentors, and lifelong friends we gained are immeasurable.

What is special about Ascension and the other Academy schools?

They steer a scholar's moral compass to be more compassionate, empathic and responsible and teach them to lead with integrity. These intangibles, combined with an education that is personalized and rigorous, provide scholars with a leg up compared with other schools. They produce high-caliber, emotionally intelligent students on their way to better our society.

Why are you devoting your time and expertise to the ACA Board?

I believe in the scholars and their families, I trust the leadership and staff, and I know that life isn't about what you get but it's about what you give.

How would young alum like you benefit from getting involved?

Knowing you're helping a scholar, a family, on their journey to a successful future is a great feeling. Also, volunteering provides you a new network of leaders in your community to learn from and engage with. These individuals will recognize your commitment and ultimately help you achieve your goals professionally and personally. I would encourage all alum to give something, whether that's time, money, or talent. I know all the schools could use it. I would also remind folks that every little bit counts. Nothing you give is too big or too small.

◀ Quentin visited Ascension's Kiddie Karnival, an event he enjoyed as an Ascension scholar.

"I support St. John Paul II Catholic School because, being a cradle Catholic, my own experience from K through Minneapolis Visitation, Regina and Creighton University helped to make me the dedicated Catholic I am today." Jane McNeill

Our Financials

Ascension Catholic Academy is fiscally conservative, with **86% of our expenditures going to salaries and benefits**. Of our income, a vast majority – 90% – comes as gifts from individuals, partner parishes and foundations.

Income

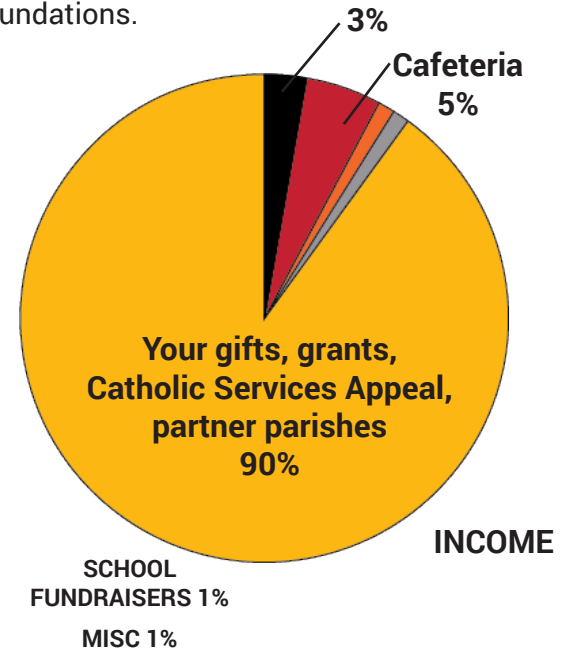
	2018-19 actual (audit in progress)	2019-20 budgeted
Regular Income	\$848,933	\$852,775
Special Income	4,489,468	4,964,100
Fund Raisers	37,155	45,450
Cafeteria	290,444	311,425
Athletics	3,630	3,000
Misc.	*179,535	18,275
SLAM	150,244	184,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,999,409	\$6,379,025

*includes \$160,000 transferred from JP II pre-Academy accounts.

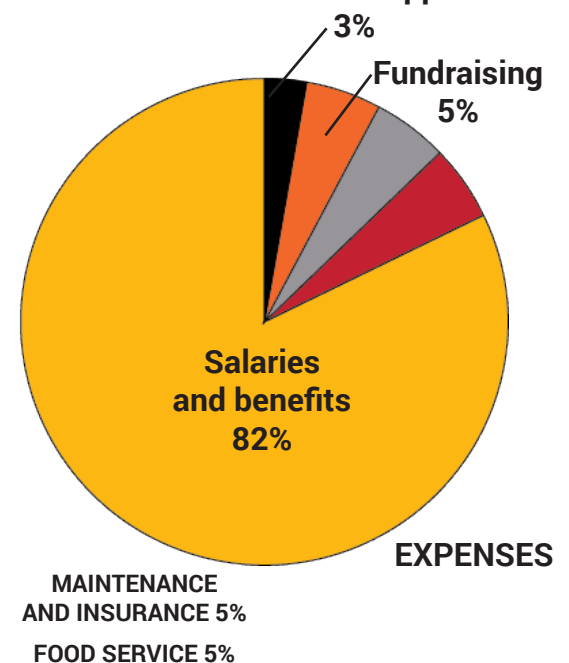
Expenses

Salaries	\$4,102,382	\$4,353,931
Benefits	817,110	893,857
Administration	261,636	310,695
Advancement	63,322	73,850
Academic	45,469	99,000
Athletic	6,968	7,500
Utilities	219,564	222,640
Repair and Maintenance	78,063	69,200
Insurance and Assessments	73,146	47,850
Misc.	4,296	3,300
Cafeteria	288,876	266,400
SLAM (non-salary)	35,495	29,500
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$5,995,428	\$6,377,723
NET INCOME	\$3,981	\$1,302

What our families can pay through tuition and fees



Academic supplies



Note that this is the budget for the entire Academy, which combines Ascension, St. John Paul II and St. Peter Claver schools with the Academy Central Operations. Specifics of each school's financials are available to download on their websites under the "Our Funding" tab.

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- Donors to **a school, the Academy and Friends of Ascension Catholic School**, a separate 501(c)3 that directs gifts to Ascension Catholic School's Annual Fund.
- Donors to **Ascension Parish**; the Academy is the largest ministry of the parish.

There are many others who have given gifts of less than \$100. They aren't listed, but their generosity is valued just the same. If there are errors in this list, please let us know by calling Debra Burgess at 612.424.6209.

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Opus Group..... A
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NE Area Holy Name Clubs..... JP
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League of Catholic Women..... JP
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*Holy Cross also provides JP II rent-free use of the school on its campus.

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Siwek Lumber & Millwork Inc	JP
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Mary Marso	C
Timothy and Patricia Mauren	A
Camille and Michael McCann.....	A
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Patricia Medlo	JP
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Jane Johnson.....	A
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VOLUNTEER PROFILE Twink LaFave



'I love seeing the light-bulb moments'

When Twink LaFave heard that St. Peter Claver Catholic School needed tutors, she thought, "I can do that." She figured raising four children gave her the qualifications. "I treat them like I treated my own kids," she said. Over the past three years, she has helped in the kindergarten classroom, and she has read and tutored in the after-school program.

What moment stands out for you in all your time volunteering?

One day it was raining when I arrived. The scholars were on the playground, and a 5th grader ran over and said, "You can have my coat." The girl took off her coat and held it over my head. She was soaked by the time we got to the door, but she wanted to keep me dry.

What's it like volunteering at St. Peter Claver?

It's something totally other than my regular life. Being here is totally different from what I normally do. It's like fly fishing in a Wisconsin stream. I can forget everything and be totally engrossed.

Margaret Lewis.....	A, FOA	Mark and Donna Peloquin	JP
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\$100 to \$499

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Taniysha is stepping into a leadership role

For Taniysha, being part of St. Peter Claver Catholic School's award-winning Step Team is about leadership. This is the 7th grader's second year on the team. As a result of the team's third-place performance at a talent competition for Catholic Schools groups last year, other schools have become interested in adding step teams to their extracurricular offerings. "We started something," she said.

The team offers a chance for everyone to be a leader and for all members to learn leadership skills.

Taniysha transferred to St. Peter Claver School when she started 5th grade. She and her three siblings had attended Ascension Catholic School in Minneapolis before that, but St. Peter Claver was closer to her home. Her favorite subject is language arts because she enjoys poetry and creative writing. She also loves to play basketball, and she has earned the nickname "Tank" for her tenacity on the court.

She plans to attend Cretin-Derham Hall High School and play basketball there. Eventually, she hopes to become a pediatrician or psychologist.

Taniysha enjoys learning about and practicing her faith at school. "I like how we go to mass," she said. "We really need to have God in our learning systems now. God helps you get through situations you can't get through yourself."

