



# A Window of Opportunity

*Giving a breath of fresh air to the next generation*

**SPECIAL ANNUAL APPEAL**

**& 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

*“For it is in Giving that we Receive.”*

*– St. Francis of Assisi*

Windows. They allow us to connect to the outside world, to see the beauty of Mother Nature, and to breathe in fresh air. As life returns to pre-pandemic times, we can appreciate the value of an open window. The circulation of fresh air that windows offer is essential for good health... provided the windows are functional.

This year, as a Special Annual Appeal, we are asking for your assistance with our “A Window of Opportunity” campaign. Our goal is to raise \$450,000 to replace the windows in the school building. As the windows are original to the 64-year-old building, they are overdue for an upgrade. With the age of the building and the shifting of the foundation over the years, the majority of the windows are stuck shut, and those that can be opened require a special lever and a great deal of strength. We have replaced parts, greased and oiled the frames, and tried many other solutions to keep them working, but to no avail.

As pastor in my 19th year, and principal in my 17th year, we are very proud of our parish school. With 294 students in grades Pre-K 3 to eighth grade, we are proud to say that this year marks the highest enrollment in the past five years. In addition to the core Catholic curriculum, we are blessed to offer our students art, music, computer, and physical education classes. Our previously renovated Msgr. Martin Lynch Hall allows for breakfast and lunch to be served each day, CYO basketball, and provides a place for many of our school events. Now, we need to help our students in the classroom, to provide them with an easily accessible circulation of fresh air as they learn.

It is an ambitious goal, but we believe that with the generosity of our alumni and many friends we will be able to reach it. No donation is too small, but please consider donating a window. With your gift of \$1,800, you will assist in the replacement of a new window in the school. Each window includes an engraved plaque with your name or in memory of a loved one.

We are most grateful for your past support and hope that you will consider making a gift to our “A Window of Opportunity” Campaign. This coming summer the windows will be replaced, and next fall we invite you to tour our school and meet our students and staff who will have greatly benefited from your kindness.

Don't forget to mark your calendars and join us for our upcoming events... On April 15 we invite alumni to reunite at Holy Innocents for our All Class Reunion. The 14th annual Holy Innocents Memorial Golf Outing will be held once again at Juniata Golf Club on September 16.

May God bless you and your loved ones. Sincerely yours,



Sister Regina Mullen, IHM  
Principal



Rev. Thomas M. Higgins  
Pastor

*Sister Regina Mullen, I.H.M.*

*Fr. Tom Higgins*

# Our Plan

**Goal: \$450,000**

**Projected Completion: August 2023**

In 1958, our current school building was erected to accommodate the growing number of students. The windows in this building today are the original windows. Many windows in the classrooms cannot be opened at all or require a special lever and a great deal of strength to open them even partially. Various attempts have been made to fix this situation, to no avail.

Just imagine...

our dedicated teachers trying to engage 30 students in class without fresh air.

our hardworking maintenance staff being the only ones who are able to operate the windows.

our students playing outside at recess in warm weather and coming back to a classroom with no open windows and no flow of fresh air as they take out their books for another lesson.

Now, imagine there was a way to come together and help our current and future students. With the combined generosity of our alumni, families, and friends, we can breathe fresh air into our school building.

We have had several estimates for new windows. This summer we will be removing the existing windows and installing new Winco Model 1150 windows. All new windows will be provided for every classroom, bathroom, and hallway. The glass will be tempered and have a Low-E coating to deflect UV rays. Windows in the bathrooms will also have obscure glass. The new school windows will match those that were installed in the Msgr. Martin J. Lynch Hall five years ago.



Current school windows



New Winco Model 1150

# From the Holy Innocents Family



## **JIM & LINDA HILLIG**

Since 1927, Holy Innocents Parish has been a cornerstone of the Juniata community. I vividly remember my time growing up here and attending Holy Innocents. The Catholic education I received provided me with an invaluable opportunity to expand my knowledge, explore my passions, strengthen my sense of self, and come to know God. In 2015 I became a member of the Advisory Board at my alma mater and am happy to serve to this day.

At Holy Innocents School, our students depend upon support from alumni, friends, and parishioners to achieve their goals. This year it has become clear that our school building, built in 1958, is in dire need of new windows. It is essential that our students, teachers, and staff have proper ventilation, especially in warmer weather, as we don't have the luxury of air conditioning. With your support, our school can grow into its next phase of history and meet the needs of our current challenges. I ask you to join this worthy cause to help us open "a window of opportunity" for future generations.



## **THE CABRERA FAMILY**

My name is Luis Cabrera, but most people call me Lou. I am presently the Holy Innocents boys basketball coach, and also assist in supervising the students during recess.

My son, Niko, has been a student at Holy Innocents since kindergarten. Sister Ellen, his third grade teacher, has provided a great learning experience and allowed him to excel in all of his subjects. However, I am concerned about the climate within the classrooms. Niko has told me that it is difficult to concentrate on learning because the classrooms become so hot and the windows are difficult to open. Replacing the windows is a much-needed and essential project to improve the learning environment.

The Cabrera family has cherished our experience at Holy Innocents School and Parish, and is looking forward to many more years of faith, education, and service.

### ***The Mission of Holy Innocents School***

*The community of Holy Innocents Catholic school believes that the dignity of our students is rooted in Christ. We prepare and develop life-long learners and leaders by providing a quality and challenging curriculum. Together, we nurture the unique spiritual, educational, physical, social and emotional needs of the students based on Gospel values.*

# Methods of Giving

## Buy a Window

Your gift of \$1,800 will assist us in covering the cost of a new window and includes an engraved plaque.

Consider buying a window individually, with a group of friends or family, or your school class. Windows can also be purchased as a memorial for a loved one.

### Online Giving

Contributions to the “Window of Opportunity” campaign or the purchase of a window can be made online. Payments can be made in full or in recurring increments with a bank account, debit card, or credit card. To get started, please visit [www.HolyInnocentsSchool.org/Window](http://www.HolyInnocentsSchool.org/Window).

### By Check

Checks can be made payable to Holy Innocents School and mailed to:

Holy Innocents  
Attention: Development Office  
1337 E. Hunting Park Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19124

### Gifts of Securities

Charitable gifts of stocks, bonds, or mutual funds that have appreciated in value can have an immediate impact on our campaign and create an income tax deduction for you based on their current value.

### Corporate Matching Gifts

A matching gift program provided through your employer or board membership may allow you to increase the value of your gift. Many companies match charitable gifts made by their employees, retirees, or board members.

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Planned giving is the process of carefully selecting the best method and asset for making a charitable gift. Such a gift can enable you to take full advantage of tax laws to accomplish your financial and charitable goals. Planned gifts can be made in the following ways: bequests by will or living trust, charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, charitable lead trusts, beneficiary benefits from IRAs, pensions, or financial accounts.

*All gifts are tax deductible. Inquiries regarding windows, giving, and custom plaques can be directed to Linda Marchese at 215-743-2600 or [development@holyinnocentsrc.org](mailto:development@holyinnocentsrc.org).*

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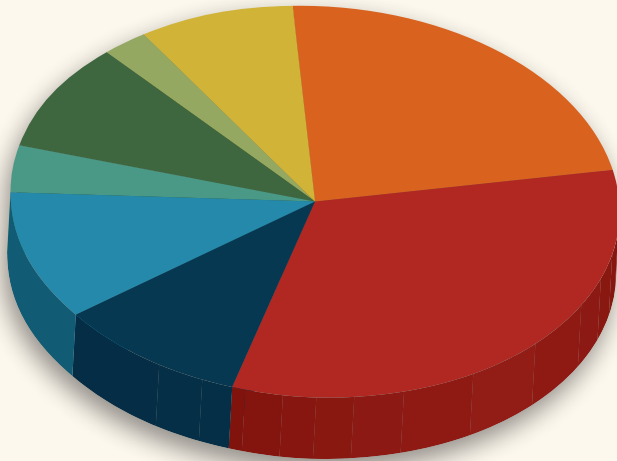
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● Annual Appeal: Tuition Assistance	\$ 15,263
● Annual Appeal: Facility Improvements	\$ 40,582
● Annual Appeal: Greatest Need	\$ 59,021
● Holy Innocents Memorial Golf Outing	\$ 17,657
● School Fundraisers	\$ 19,086
● 1927 Campaign	\$ 6,830
● Philly Christmas Movie	\$ 16,550
● Memorial Donations	\$ 4,310
<b>Total Donations:</b>	<b>\$ 197,300</b>



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
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