

HOLY INNOCENTS SCHOOL



ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

"The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy."

– Psalm 126:3

Dear Friends,

As you receive this Annual Appeal, we write in gratitude to all who have supported Holy Innocents Parish this year. Our Window Campaign was a grand success, raising over \$480,000. Our Memorial Golf Outing was enjoyed by over 95 golfers and raised some \$22,000 to assist our families with their tuition. Sister Nancy and I are grateful for your continued generosity. It is both needed and very much appreciated.

In four years the parish of Holy Innocents turns 100. Yes, founded in 1927 by Msgr. Martin J. Lynch, we have begun preparations for our centennial celebration. If you have any ideas for our centennial or pictures of parish events, please reach out to me at pastorholynnoccents@gmail.com. Also, if you or anyone you know would like to assist with our anniversary, please let me know.

We pray that God continues to bless you and your loved ones during this season of Thanksgiving.

Peace & joy,

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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.

All-Class Reunion

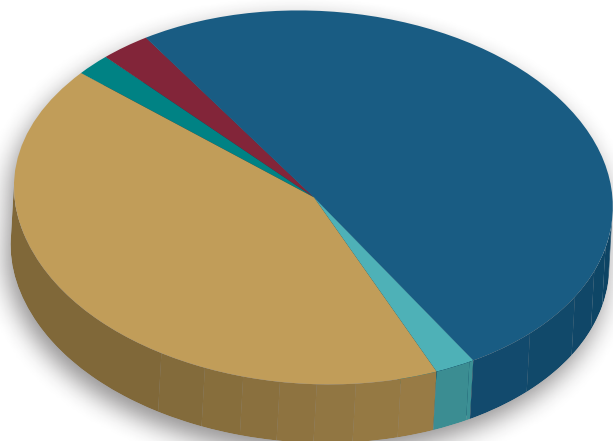
After 5 years, it was a blessing to host another reunion and welcome over 250 alumni back home to the “Window to Our Memories” All-Class Reunion held on April 15th! Our alumni were invited to Mass followed by a school tour to relive their many memories at Holy Innocents. We had alumni representation from the class of 1948 through the class of 2014, and even had alumni travel from as far as Kansas!

From basket and silent auctions, to class group photos, and lots of dancing, it was a great night - all in support of future generations of Holy Innocents students. There was such an outpouring of generosity for our window campaign; we raised over \$22,000.

Stay connected with us for more information on future reunions and opportunities to visit your elementary school alma mater! Know that you are always welcome home at the Inn!



2022-2023 Annual Donations



● Tuition Assistance & EITC Donations	\$ 564,761
● Holy Innocents Memorial Golf Outing	\$ 22,981
● Window of Opportunity Campaign	\$ 473,234
● All-Class Reunion	\$ 22,882
● School Fundraisers	\$ 29,296
Total Donations:	\$ 1,113,154

In Memoriam, Facility Improvements, and Greatest Need donations were allocated to the Window of Opportunity Campaign. Proceeds from the All-Class Reunion were also put towards the window renovation.

A Window of Opportunity

In November 2022, we launched our Window of Opportunity Campaign with the goal of raising \$450,000 to replace the 141 original, non-functional windows in the upper school building. From Bingo and Salsa nights, to our all-class reunion and coin jars in the classrooms, our alumni, school families, parishioners, special donors, and friends stepped up to the challenge and worked together to help us accomplish this massive undertaking.

Not only did we reach our goal, but we exceeded it, raising a total of \$496,116. The new window installation is complete and new shades will be installed in January. Our faculty and students are beyond grateful for the breath of fresh air that has been provided through this outpouring of support and generosity.



Mr. & Mrs. Duc Oanh have 14 grandchildren, all of whom currently attend Holy Innocents. Their generosity has made an invaluable impact on the Holy Innocents community. Thanks to the new windows, the teachers and students are happier and more relaxed, and the school looks like new!

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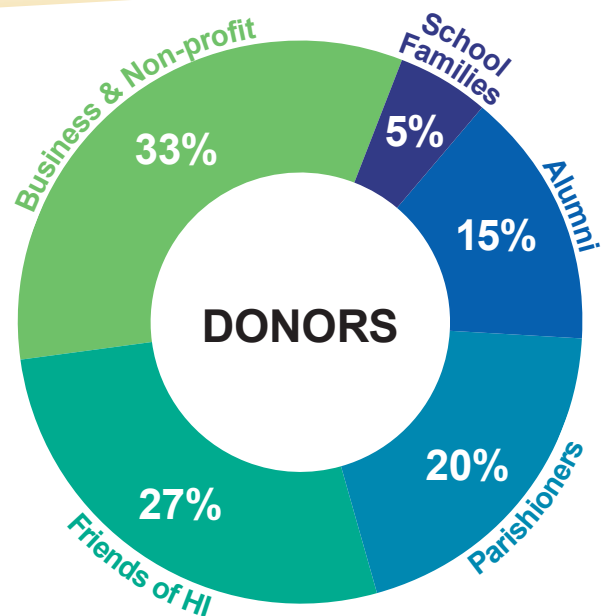
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Chantay and David Melendez with daughters Olivia and Sienna

A Family of Faith

"For over 15 years our family has been parishioners of Holy Innocents. Both of our daughters were baptized here, and in 2009 we had our marriage blessed by Fr. Tom. Our oldest, Olivia, is in 8th grade, having attended Holy Inn since she was 5 years old, and our youngest, Sienna, is currently enrolled in Pre-K4. My husband and I are so grateful to Holy Innocents for their constant support and understanding, and the education that both of our girls are receiving. Holy Innocents is family and has provided exactly the type of education I envisioned for my children."

— Chantay Melendez

14th Annual Memorial Golf Outing

September 16th brought beautiful weather for a beautiful event at the Juniata Golf Course. We held our 14th Annual Golf Outing, remembering our friends who have gone before us who Made A Difference at Holy Innocents. We welcomed our new principal, Sister Nancy Kindelan, our new mascot, Hugo the Hawk, and over 95 golfers, sponsors, students, and volunteers.

Through their generosity, we profited over \$22,000 for our "Make a Difference" scholarships, helping defray the cost of a quality Catholic education for our students. Save the date for our 15th Annual Golf Outing on September 14, 2024!



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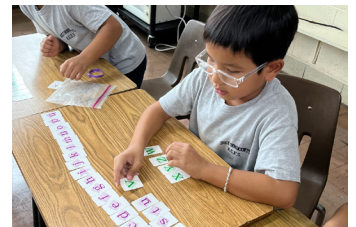
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— James Newbern,
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