

ANNUAL REPORT

2020-2021

Nurturing Excellence in a Joyful Catholic Community



DEAR FRIENDS

We are pleased and proud to present to you this Annual Report. For many years, our fall edition of *Cachet* magazine has included a section for our annual report. For a variety of reasons, we think it deserves to be "its own thing," hence this issue. However, no matter when it is published, this report chronicles the continued generosity of our School community and its impact on our program and the lives of our children.

So many of you have been loyal and generous supporters of this wonderful school. Please know that we do not take your support for granted. We work hard to earn your trust and to be good stewards of your contributions.

In these pages, you will see numerous examples of the ways that we continue to *Nurture Excellence in this Joyful Catholic Community*. We couldn't do that without your financial support of the Holy Child Fund; of our EITC program, which funds approximately half of our Financial Aid budget; of our Auction and other fundraising programs; and of The Campaign for Holy Child: Inspiring Joyful Excellence.

Your gifts help fund all aspects of our program, including professional development of our teachers, our robust technology program and backbone, and, last year, the added costs of operating during a pandemic. I could not be more proud that we provided in-person learning throughout the year, and that our mitigation efforts, and the cooperation of our families, resulted in only three students testing positive for COVID (and two of those positive tests occurred on the second to the last day of the year!).

> We ended the year with an all-time high enrollment of 329 students, and we expect to open this year at near capacity with approximately 345 children. Those enrollment figures are a proxy for the health and vitality of our school community. I hope you are as proud of Holy Child School at Rosemont as I am, and I promise you that we will once again do all we can to support, encourage, and love the children entrusted to our care.

With gratitude and warmest regards.

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Established in 2006 in loving memory of Riley Boyle, a member of the Class of 2014, the proceeds from this fund are used to help provide a Holy Child education for a deserving student who otherwise could not afford to attend the School.

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Established in 1998 by the Parents' Auxiliary, in honor of Sr. Mary Broderick, SHCJ, Head of Rosemont School of the Holy Child from 1983 to 2013, the proceeds from this fund are used to help provide a Holy Child education for a deserving student who otherwise could not afford to attend the School.

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Established in 2001 in memory of Joyce A. Daily, VMD, Class of 1978, the proceeds from this fund benefit the Athletic Department. The Outstanding Female Athlete Award is presented each year to a member of the graduating class in Ms. Daily's name.

The Daily Family

DIANA DISILVIO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in 2013 in memory of Diana DiSilvio, Class of 1988, the proceeds from this fund are used to help provide a Holy Child education for a deserving student who otherwise could not afford to attend the School.

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Established in 1986 in memory of the son of Edward '59 and Netchen Kaier. The proceeds from this fund benefit the Music Department.

Helen Meeks Horstmann '59 & John Horstmann Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Kaier '59

THE CAMPAIGN FOR HOLY CHILD

Inspiring Joyful Excellence

In 2019, we embarked on the silent phase of "The Campaign for Holy Child: *Inspiring Joyful Excellence*," which sought to improve and expand our campus, and provide our students with spaces that would enhance their Holy Child experience. We are grateful to the following individuals who shared our vision and supported this undertaking by making a gift between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. As we approach the final phase of the campaign, we welcome all to become part of this historic transformation. To learn more about the campaign and ways to give, contact Jill Gregori, Director of Institutional Advancement, at 610-922-1021 or jgregori@HolyChildRosemont.org.

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CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2021

Honoring our Holy Child Values and Community

On Thursday, June 3, twenty-three Grade 8 students received their diplomas and became the newest alumni of Holy Child School at Rosemont. The Commencement Mass and graduation ceremony were held at St. Thomas of Villanova Rosemont Chapel with the families of Grade 8 students, faculty, and staff in attendance.

The evening was full of joyful moments where our students reflected on the experience of community at Holy Child. During the homily, Reverend Robert Murray invited members of the class to stand and recognize a fellow classmate for one of their strengths as a scholar or peer. These moments of recognition honored the ways that our students have lived out the values of our School through their actions. Our Student Council Co-Presidents, Meg South '21 and Matthew Hark '21, spoke about their favorite memories—from Holy Child traditions to class trips—and what the school means to them.

Meg, a Holy Child student of nine years, shared.

Holy Child has not only been a school; it's been a home. The minute you walk through the doors of Broderick Hall or the Tudor Building, you feel the overwhelming love everyone has in our community. It's a school where you learn how to be the best version of yourself, to be kind, and to live by the motto that we all know by heart: Actions Not Words."



Matthew, who attended Holy Child for 11 years, added:

Holy Child prepared us for so much and has left an everlasting mark on all our lives because of our teachers, faculty, staff, coaches, parents—everyone... we are leaving with wonderful Holy Child values, true life-long friends, and a wonderful community that we can always come back to in the future."

This year, beloved graduation traditions were able to continue with COVID-19 pandemic protocols in place, including mask-wearing and physical distancing. Grade 8 students performed musical pieces during the mass: Anya Berlanska '21 and Cara McGowan '21 sang the Gospel Acclamation, and Liam Shields '21 performed the Communion Meditation on piano. Siblings of several graduates, who are also Holy Child students, participated in the ceremony by delivering the diplomas to the altar. Then, diplomas were awarded to graduates on the altar, and five students were recognized as scholarship recipients to area high schools.

The Commencement Mass concluded with the tradition of Grade 7 students singing "Peace My Friend" to wish the graduates well on their next steps beyond Holy Child.

On behalf of their fellow graduates, the Co-Presidents thanked their families and the greater school community for supporting and guiding them through their time at Holy Child.

Matthew shared, "As a class, we wouldn't be sitting here without the help of many, many, many people...we cannot thank you enough for your endless encouragement and support, and for the way you have helped us grow academically and morally." "Holy Child has prepared us for high school and life beyond in every way, and I know that we are all forever grateful," echoed Meg. "Thank you to our teachers, faculty and staff, our coaches, our musical directors, our Division Directors, Mrs. Hren, Mr. Lengel, the remarkable Holy Child student body and school community, and, finally, our parents for making our Holy Child experience so special."

As members of the class embark on their next step in education at high schools of choice, the Co-Presidents expressed pride and gratitude for their peers.

Meg captured their feelings by sharing, "I am so proud to be a part of this class of amazing people who are destined to do great things in life. I am lucky to know you and can't wait to see what the future holds for each of you. It is guaranteed to be amazing. Thank you for all of the memories."



Class of 2021 Awards

Director's Award for Music

Awarded to Cara McGowan

The Director's Award for Music is given to a student who has shown dedication, commitment, and leadership in music during his or her time at Holy Child School at Rosemont.

Arts Award

Awarded to Daniela Strid, Christopher Kelly, Laura Kelly

This award is given to a visual artist who excels in his or her craft, and has shown dedication and commitment to developing his or her skills, while a student at Holy Child School at Rosemont.

Cynthia White Memorial Sportsmanship Award Awarded to Erin Mitchell

This award is given to a female athlete who is a team player and thinks of others before herself. It is in memory of Cynthia White, Class of 1972. The recipient is a leader on and off the field, court, or pool. The recipient must play at least one sport.

Brian Clark Memorial Sportsmanship Award

Awarded to Matthew Hark

This award is given in memory of Brian Steven Clarke, Class of 1971, an athlete, writer, and musician. The recipient is a male athlete who is a team player and thinks of others before himself. He is a leader on and off the field, court, or pool. The recipient must play at least one sport.

Kevin Fitzpatrick Memorial Award

Awarded to Meg South

This award is given to a boy or girl who is a leader, a scholar, and an athlete. The award is given in memory of Kevin Fitzpatrick who was an athlete at Malvern Prep and known for his kindness and leadership. The recipient must play on one major sports team and be an academically strong student.

Sr. Mary Broderick, SHCJ Award

Awarded to Charlie Cutler

This award is given to that member of the graduating class who, like longtime Head of School Sr. Mary Broderick, cares for others and reaches out to ensure that all are included and welcomed into the school community.

Board of Trustees Award for Holy Child Spirit in Memory of Joseph E. Casey

Awarded to Anya Berlanska

This award is given to a student who lives the Holy Child spirit and philosophy as exemplified by Joseph E. Casey, a past Trustee. It is presented to a student who consistently demonstrates the qualities of honesty, integrity and leadership, and lives the mission of the school – "Actions Not Words."

The Advancement Office has taken care to ensure that the annual report is accurate. Please contact Lauren Ainsworth, Director of Annual and Leadership Giving, to inform us of any errors or omissions so that we may correct our records: lainsworth@holychildrosemont.org.



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