



**BUILDING A LEGACY**  
**2022-2023 Impact Report**



# A Warriors' WELCOME



This is a special year for St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy (PMA). It has been 70 years since Pius X High School opened, 60 years since St. Matthias High School graduated its first senior class, and 10 years since our rededication as St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy. We have much to celebrate! We recognize that these milestones are the result of your support, thus we share our 2022-2023 Impact Report with immense gratitude. Our goal with this publication is to highlight how St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy provides opportunities for all students to grow in faith, learn without limits, and live with a purpose after every academic year.

Last year, we celebrated an increase to 520 students, the opening of the Warrior Plaza, Warrior Cafe, St. Matthias Theater, and prayer garden, the installation of campus-wide indoor and outdoor Wi-Fi, the first year adopting a new university-style schedule, the introduction of 19 new courses, and the launch of the Early College Program in partnership with Cerritos College. We are blessed to have been able to provide new opportunities for Warriors to learn without limits.

We thanked Mrs. Veronica Zozaya, principal of PMA, for her dedicated service to the community for 13 years. Mrs. Zozaya was a driving force for change during the transition from St. Matthias High School, manifesting the vision that is now St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy. She shepherded PMA through its first decade of growth, going from a school on the verge of closure to where we are today. We wish her well and keep her in our prayers as she takes on her new role as Assistant Regional Superintendent of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

This past year, we finalized Vision 2026, our strategic growth plan. Vision 2026 is informed by all community stakeholders, our Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) accreditation process, the current educational landscape, and presents key results for the next three years. Vision 2026 is the realization of three main focus areas: A Catholic Culture of Belonging; A University Experience, and A Model Catholic School. Successfully achieving this plan will bring to fruition the school's vision to provide a Catholic university experience for teenagers. Our call is to guide every student towards realizing their purpose, that is, where their talents meet the world's needs.

After a national search for a new principal, we welcomed the first alumna, Mrs. Claudia Rodarte, to return to her alma mater to serve as principal. Mrs. Rodarte brings a relentless dedication to excellence in the formation of faith, academics, the arts, and athletics for students. The start of our new partnership has fueled great hope for continued growth at PMA. We share a total of 40 years of experience in TK-12 Catholic education and are excited to lead Vision 2026 together.

Our current position can only stand the test of time if we remain committed to supporting PMA's advancement as one unified community. You are a valuable member of PMA's history and its future. Please stay connected, please be present, and please give. Your contributions make a true impact. Together, we can make Catholic education a reality for families regardless of income level, we can develop programs and provide necessary resources to our faculty/staff, students, and infrastructure.

In advance, we thank you for your prayers and support of PMA. We are hopeful for the journey of this academic year! May God bless and protect our community, and we pray that St. Pius X and St. Matthias intercede for us!

**Dr. Christian De Larkin**  
President

**Mrs. Claudia Rodarte**  
Principal

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# Get to Know THE Warriors

## Mission

The mission of St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy is to provide a challenging, Catholic, college-preparatory education in a supportive learning community that will positively affect the lives of teenagers, and provide opportunities for all students to grow in faith, learn without limits, and live with a purpose.

## Vision

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy will excel in creating a Catholic educational environment where students recognize their significance in our school community, are encouraged and supported to seize opportunities to grow and lead, emerging as empowered, faith inspired and contributing citizens of their community and the world. We will be known for visionary leadership; innovative and passionate educators; inspired, tenacious and optimistic students; supportive families and an engaged community.

## 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR DEMOGRAPHICS



- Male: 53%
- Female: 47%



- Families who meet Federal Poverty Guidelines: 56%

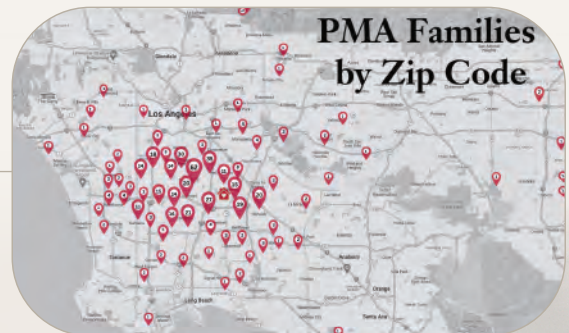


- Attended Catholic Elementary Schools: 80%
- Catholic Students 88%
- Students Receiving Tuition Assistance: 90%



- Average Class Size: 23
- Student Teacher Ratio: 16:1
- PMA Educators have a credential or an advanced degree in their field: 83%
- Alumni Faculty/Staff: 16%

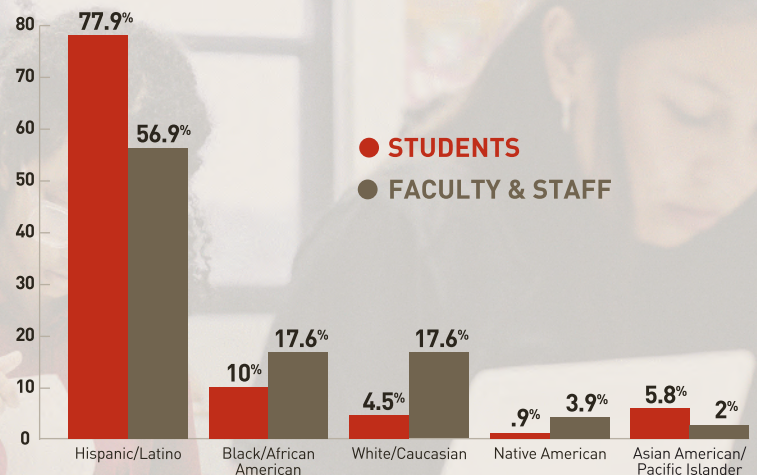
### PMA IS ON THE MAP!



## Looking AHEAD...

PMA has grown 24% in the last two years. Stay up to date by taking a look at our current school year.

Studies show that having a faculty and staff that represents the diversity of the student body has positive outcomes on learning and development. See how our commitment to diversity in admissions and hiring has come to fruition.





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## 2023 Valedictorian

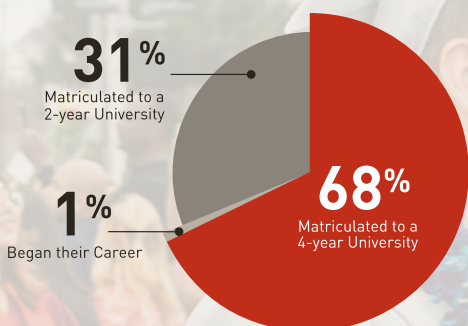
**Christian Gomez** attended St. Dominic Savio Catholic Elementary School. After graduating top of his class at PMA, Christian went on to the University of Southern California where he majors in Legal Studies. Christian would like to thank Dr. Villasenor for being there for him and guiding him through the college application process. He says he has felt well-prepared for college and is grateful for the dual enrollment classes he took at PMA, as they helped him adapt to a collegiate learning environment. His best PMA memories come from being on the baseball team. He loved everything from practicing and playing to traveling to games with friends. Christian is an Eagle Scout and when it came time for his project he chose to rebuild PMA's baseball shed. He said "It felt like the perfect time to give back to the team that has already given so much to me." He looks forward to a future as a lawyer and is currently interested in union and labor law.



## 2023 Salutatorian

**Lucia Orozco** attended St. Mariana de Paredes Catholic Elementary School before coming to PMA. She is now a freshman at the University of California, Los Angeles studying neuroscience. "UCLA was always my dream" shared Lucia. She said that her time at PMA helped prepare her for college, sharing that the university schedule acclimated her to the fast-paced quarter system at UCLA. She was also thankful for her AP Courses, sharing that her AP Psychology class helped her discover her passion for learning about the brain and that her AP Biology class is "almost identical" to the Molecular Biology class she's taking now. She wants to thank Ms. Saenz-Moreno for being an excellent English teacher. "She understood how I tend to overthink things. When the time came for college applications she helped me break up my thoughts, put them into words, and not overthink too much." Lucia would like to be a teacher herself one day. She plans on going to grad school, obtaining her Ph.D, and working in a research lab while teaching at her university. She said, "I love seeing the look on someone's face when they understand something for the first time."

## 99% OF 2023 PMA GRADS WENT TO COLLEGE



## SEE SOME OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM THE CLASS OF 2023:

- Posse Scholarship, Pepperdine University*
- JG Whittier Scholarship, Whittier College*
- Gateway Scholarship, Whittier College*
- University of Southern California Grant*
- University of Southern California Scholarship*
- University of Southern California Leadership Scholarship*
- University of California, Irvine Grant*
- University of California, Los Angeles Scholarship*
- 33 D1 Athletic Scholarship offers*



# Class of 2023 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

The institutions in BOLD indicate the schools where members of the Class of 2023 matriculated.

**Azusa Pacific University**

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California State University, Fresno

**California State University, Fullerton**

**California State University, Long Beach**

**California State University, Los Angeles**

**California State University, Northridge**

California State University, Sacramento

California State University, San Bernardino

California State University, San Marcos

**Cerritos College**

Colorado State University

Concordia University Irvine

**East Los Angeles College**

**El Camino College**

**Florida Memorial University**

**Fullerton College**

Grand Canyon University

**Indiana University Bloomington**

**Lincoln University**

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Texas Christian University

**University of California, Berkeley**

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**University of Southern California**

University of Texas at Arlington

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Western New England University

Western University of Health Sciences

Westmont College

**Whittier College**

# PMA BELIEVES THAT A COLLEGE EDUCATION IS A RIGHT RATHER THAN A PRIVILEGE.



*The Early College Program* (ECP) is in its second year at PMA with about 90 freshmen and 60 sophomores. ECP students begin their high school careers as both high school and college students. This program has brought an increase in academic rigor to PMA as well as increased interest for prospective families. To celebrate the inaugural year of ECP, we checked in with our brave Warriors who have pushed themselves academically and personally to start college four years early. “It’s a great way to get ahead,” shared Natalia Espinoza, a sophomore in the Early college program. David Romo, a sophomore as well, explained that he feels like the program is really helping prepare him for his future education by teaching him to think critically and engage academic discussions in a more thoughtful way.

Launching this program was a leap of faith. As the only school to implement ECP as a four year program integrated into our university block schedule, we faced uncharted territory. Ms. Alexandra Maldonado, the Early College Program

Counselor, explained “we were creating the path as we were already walking on it.” For the first cohort, there was a learning curve— navigating course selection, schedules, and exam dates for two different schools and finding a way for it all to align. David explained “we felt a little uncertain going in, because there were no other students who could answer our questions.” Ms. Maldonado shared that the students had to learn to put their trust in PMA and to not be shy about asking questions. Thankfully, “now that the first cohort are sophomores, the freshmen have examples to look up to, and the sophomores are such good examples,” said Ms. Maldonado.

It was no simple task for students to go from a middle school curriculum to a collegiate course load where they are expected to think critically, engage in debate, and take coursework that truly stretches them. Natalia and David both emphasized how important it was that they learned time management in the Early College Program so that they could take in all the necessary information while





# Every STUDENT DESERVES A CHANCE TO PASS THROUGH THE GATEWAY TO SUCCESS.

accomplishing their tasks and staying involved with their many activities. Both Natalia and David finished freshman year with over a 4.0 GPA.

Maldonado spoke of not only the academic growth of the students but the soft skills students learned about life as a college student. ECP students learn the importance of practicing self advocacy. Each of them has learned how to properly email a professor and work with different departments of a university, such as visiting the enrollment office in person to ask questions about their transcripts. In addition to communication, students learned how to follow a syllabus and manage their workload and honor the different rules that a college has in terms of behavior, attendance and work habits.

At the beginning of the year, Dr. De Larkin shared that he spoke with the early college students and shared that at PMA, “we had something to prove- that our students could rise to the expectation of college level coursework with the right mindset and support.” The success of the

first year has been wonderful to see. Of the 60 students in the first cohort, 58 passed their first year of Cerritos College courses, and the average GPA of an early college student is 4.27. Ms. Maldonado proudly shared, “These kids know the opportunity they have and they do not take it for granted.”

*The Early College Program is a partnership between St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy and Cerritos Community College. PMA students take The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum coursework that meet high school graduation requirements and earn college credit at the same time. Through this program, students may earn up to 44.5 college credits during high school and meet the general education requirements to transfer to a four-year university. If students meet certain GPA requirements, they will qualify for a guaranteed admission to several colleges across the country. They'll have the potential to earn up to 60 total units in order to simultaneously be awarded an associates degree upon PMA high school graduation.*



# Warrior ATHLETICS

## 2022-2023 SEASON IN REVIEW



In our 10th year since the dedication of PMA, athletics have grown from infancy to a force. From the addition of new head coaches to the upgraded weight room, the program has leveled up and garnered respect within the Camino Del Rey Association and across the state. The majority of teams made it to the playoffs in their respective sports, they competed with great programs, and brought Division 1 offers to student athletes. Athletics provides a pathway towards learning teamwork, perseverance, and practicing faith.



Congratulations are in order for Warrior Basketball. Coach Donte Archie led the program to make another historic run in the state, securing the second CIF Championship since his arrival in 2018. The first championship won in 2020 was in Division 4. Last year, we earned a Division 3AA seed for the CIF Southern Section tournament, and were then placed in the Division 2 CIF State Tournament.



When asked what this last season meant for PMA athletics and basketball, Coach Archie explained "It means progress. Championships mean a lot, but what it takes to win a championship means more. I know the administration, staff, and students see the hard work we put in daily. That type of energy spreads and student athletes from all sports want to have their sports do year-round training."







## 2022-2023 Boys Basketball ACCOLADES

30-5 Record \* Most wins in school history  
10-0 record in league. 34 straight league wins  
2023 CIF Division 3AA Champions  
2023 Camino Real League Champions  
Tyrone Riley, Class of 2024 CIF Division 3AA Player of the Year  
Douglas Langford Jr., Class of 2025 CIF Division 3AA 1st team  
Tariq Bridges, Class of 2025 CIF Division 3AA 1st team  
Tyrone Riley Camino Real League Player of the Year  
Douglas Langford Camino Real League 1st team  
Tariq Bridges Camino Real League 1st team  
Saul Anaya, Class of 2025 Camino Real League 1st team  
Tylon Williams, Class of 2024 Camino Real League 2nd team  
Shaun Fonoimoana, Class of 2023 Camino Real League 2nd team

## 2022-2023 Football ACCOLADES

8-2 Overall 3-0 Del Rey League  
Made it to first round of CIF SS Division 3 playoffs to West Ranch  
Jordan Shaw Del Rey Player of the Year  
Dejour Menefee Co- Offensive Player of the Year  
Dieter Barr Co-Offensive Player of the Year  
D'angelo Davis Defensive Player of the Year  
Delvon Hebrard Lineman of the Year



PMA offers a full range of team sports including: football, boys' and girls' volleyball, co-ed track & field, co-ed cross country, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer, baseball and softball. Over 50% of PMA students participate in at least one sport.

The mission of our athletics department is to empower student-athletes to develop resilience, perseverance, confidence, and commitment, as well as to boost their self-assurance and maximize their God-given potential in the classroom and in their chosen sport, encouraging a holistic approach to scholar-athleticism, as well as a spirit of community.



# All Eyes ON THE Arts

On March 29, 2023, we cut the ribbon on Warriors Plaza, a \$3.8 million project made possible by generous benefactors, most especially Shea Family Charities and the John H. & Cynthia Lee Smet Family Foundation. With this renovation came the Warrior Cafe, now open for breakfast and lunch, outdoor covered seating, a prayer garden and edible classroom, and the St. Matthias Theater, which now houses PMA's burgeoning performing arts program.

The very next day the St. Matthias Theater housed its debut performance of Alice in Wonderland. This unique take on a classic tale shows Alice enter Wonderland and become very unsure of who she really is. Alice was played by three different actresses, each taking on and dialing-up the character's most distinct traits: one curious and constantly daydreaming, another lost, lonely and frightened, and another assertive and angered by how confusing Wonderland is.

The performance was beautifully costumed and imaginatively staged with bright floral decor and the Queen of Hearts' signature style splashed across the back wall. The centipede relied on several actors to create the effect that he was larger than life, with several students holding open umbrellas to make up the body. The King and Queen of Hearts each had elaborate crowns made of actual playing cards and bold makeup to match.



Mixed Media ~ Leab Alcoy '24



Winter Cityscape  
Leah Alcoy '24



Anonymous Selfie  
Leah Alcoy '24



Winter Treats  
Leah Alcoy '24



Winter Fun  
Leah Alcoy '24



Beach Scene  
Leah Alcoy '24

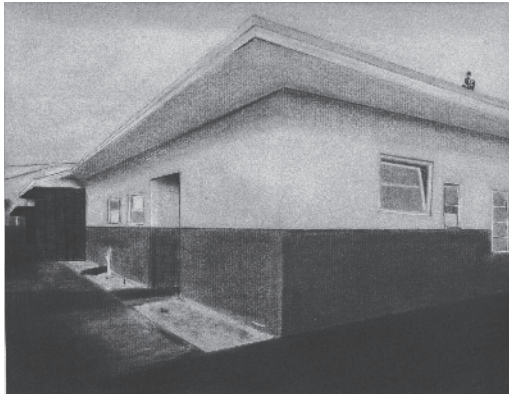


Abstract Art  
Leah Alcoy '24



Traditional Dance  
Leah Alcoy '24





*Charcoal Drawing ~ Nathan Banuelos '24*

The cast of crazy characters in Wonderland were each vibrantly brought to life in a way that was bright, fun, and creative.

One of the greatest aspects of the performance was that it was held inside a theater that showcased the student's talent in a way they deserved. For the first time in a long time, there were no distractions or obstacles between the student performers, their audience, and the story they wanted to tell. Students were simply allowed to shine as they put on a show that they practiced so hard for.

PMA offers a variety of courses in the arts and the Visual and Performing Arts program continues to thrive with Gabriela Arreola '03 as department chair. The following classes are available for the 2023-2024 school year: Art I & II, Ceramics I & II, AP Studio Art, Theater I & II, Instrumental Music, and Digital Media Art & Production. And don't forget that you too can learn to paint with Ms. Arreola at the Alumni & Friends Sip & Paint on April 6, 2024!





# Growing in Faith at PMA

Every other Friday morning, the Parents in Prayer (PIP) group gathers in the Pius X Chapel and prays the Rosary. The group is open to all PMA parents and has even extended to members of the greater community looking to connect with their faith. After prayer, they gather for coffee, and pastries in fellowship. Laughter, kindness, and overwhelming support among the attendees fill every Friday's PIP experience. "PMA has welcomed our group with a lot of love," Shared Ana Granados, the PIP chair.

Former Principal, Mrs. Veronica Zozaya and PMA Parent, Ana Granados formed PIP together and began meeting last year. Mrs. Zozaya shared that at the first meeting, "Fr. Peter Saucedo came to give us a blessing. He prayed that the group grows and remains steady." These prayers have definitely come to fruition as the group continues to thrive. They celebrate the anniversary of their first meeting on November 30th!

Mrs. Zozaya shared her excitement over the group's success saying, "Whenever I hear they're meeting or they have an event coming up, I get chills. I love it." Ayde Huerta, one of the core members of PIP shared, "I feel really passionate about the group. Every time I leave I'm looking forward to the next time." Parents in Prayer is a community where parents can express their worries with parents who can understand and send those concerns up to God. Mrs. Granados added "it just goes to show how powerful prayer is, that we can be there and pray for each other in the times of sorrow and the times of joy."

In December of 2022, Atticus Maldonado, a sophomore, was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Since the diagnosis, Atticus and his mother have participated in PIP and have been a consistent prayer intention for whom PIP has lifted up every gathering. PMA's president, Dr. De Larkin, states "We believe in the power of prayer. These gatherings provide a manifestation of God's grace for Atticus, his mother, and all families in need. PIP is bringing blessings to the community through prayer."

One of the beautiful things about PIP is that parents are engaging and growing in their faith. Former President, Mr. Erick Rubalcava, who now gets to attend as a PMA dad, said Parents in Prayer is a way that "we can model the desire to grow in holiness for our children." Mrs. Huerta added "it is important to set that example so that our children can see when we are having a 'not so great' day, we're taking those feelings back to God." Going on to say "we think our connection with God on our own is enough, but praying together is 1,000x more powerful."

PMA is one of the only schools in the Archdiocese that has a parent prayer group like this, and Mrs. Huerta said "this is needed everywhere." When asked what the future holds for their group, Mrs. Granados said "we want people to know that we are here. That there is a group of moms here praying for you."





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# Alumni BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



*Brown Soul Brewing Co. owners on the day they signed their lease*

Dora Mejia, Hugo Sanchez '98, and Victor Zamudio '92 are all current PMA Parents, Hugo and Victor are Pius X High School Alumni, and all three are now South Gate business owners. Dora Mejia's famous catering and tacos have won numerous awards for their delicious taste and unique flavor. Hugo is a chef and a kitchen manager for shows such as *Master Chef* and *Is it Cake?*.

He was one of the original owners of Let's Yolk About It in Long Beach and now he is focusing on bringing his culinary expertise home.

The name Brown Soul Brewing Co. came about in a conversation with Hugo's lead brewer Noe Tellez. Noe had originally suggested the name Brown Soul and Hugo liked it and agreed- he thought the name was a take on the word soil "I was thinking about how we're proud of the fresh ingredients we use and the soil that grows the hops. And he said to me 'No, it's about Brown Pride, Mexican Pride, being proud of who we are.'" He added, "So you can take it whatever way you want."

Walking into Hugo's Kitchen he immediately went to the refrigerator saying, "Do you see how there's as much green in there as there is everything else?"





When talking about his cooking philosophy he was very focused on quality. From sourcing fresh ingredients, preparing everything well, and having a proper balance of flavors and textures. He also knows the importance of having quality for all his menu items.

The main event at Brown Soul are the fish tacos. They are Chef Dora's specialty, with two pieces of beer battered fish, pickled cabbage, chipotle mayo and salsa verde on top of a fresh tortilla. These are a must try item. Their menu incorporates food from around the world - all with a tasty twist! The main vegan option is a beat tostada. It looks incredible with the red beats stacked high on top of guacamole and a fresh tostada. He said people who would never consider ordering a vegan item at a restaurant will stop the waiter, point to someone with the beat tostada and ask what they have. Having tested it out on carnivores and vegetarians alike, the item is a crowd pleaser.

Hugo likes creating a positive and unpretentious environment in his kitchen. "On my team everyone is called Chef- from the people chopping vegetables, the ones cooking down to the person washing dishes. Everyone here deserves that title of respect and it shows that we're all equals here." In addition, Brown Soul Brewing Co. opens its doors to the outside community, hosting local small businesses for pop-up shops and catering

events in the area.

One of the customers who came to Brown Soul during the opening excitedly shared that usually she would go all the way out to Long Beach for a place like this. And now she only has to walk down the street. Hugo is proud to be able to have a restaurant that lives up to his standards and the team's level of talent and be able to keep it in the place he calls home.

We are also excited to announce that Brown Soul Brewing Co. will be the first member of the Warrior Business Network (WBN). This was established to support and connect members of our community who own businesses! Members will receive advertising from the school, including listing on our website, a print directory, social media posts, and more! Additional benefits include networking opportunities to strengthen the bonds among alumni, parents, and board members. Lastly, the WBN aims to create a strong local economy and develop strategies for the betterment of Downey and its neighboring cities. If you are interested in registering your business with the Warrior Business Network, please contact our Director of Community & Alumni Relations Mrs. Kaytee Estrada at (562) 861-2271 x 1025 or email her at [kestrada@piusmatthias.org](mailto:kestrada@piusmatthias.org).



# 2022-2023 REVENUES

## TUITION & FEES

Tuition & Fees	\$2,908,948.58
Summer School Tuition:	\$39,905.34
Registration/Other Fees:	\$361,496.58
Total Tuition & Fees:	\$3,310,350.50

## DONATIONS & CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Temporarily Restricted:	\$1,436,920.51
Unrestricted:	\$194,189.60
Catholic Education Foundation:	\$814,344.00
Total Donations & Charitable Contributions:	\$2,445,454.11

## FACILITY RENTALS & MISC

\$207,691.89

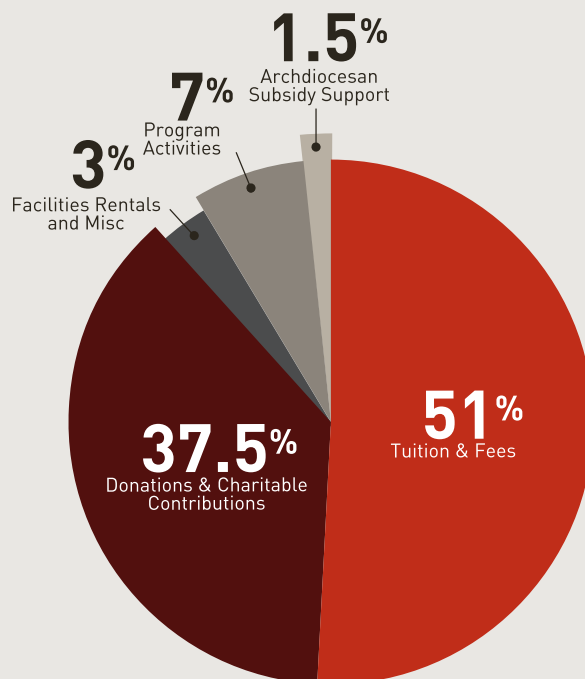
## PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Student Store Sales:	\$20,554.34
Athletic Activities/Boosters:	\$217,209.37
Student Body/Campus Ministry/Yearbook:	\$113,024.56
Fundraising Receipts:	\$94,948.80
Total Program Activities:	\$445,737.07

## ARCHDIOCESAN SUBSIDY SUPPORT

\$99,999.96

**TOTAL REVENUES** ..... **\$6,509,233.53**



# 2022-2023 EXPENSES

## SALARIES & BENEFITS

Salaries & Compensation:	\$3,218,227.85
Benefits:	\$822,943.38
Total Salaries & Benefits:	\$4,041,171.23

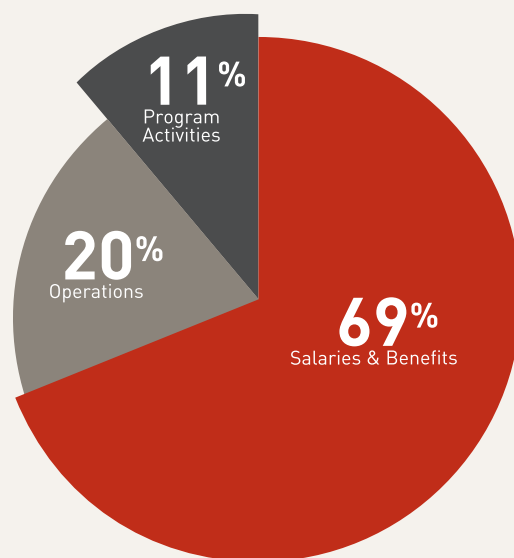
## OPERATIONS

Office/Other Expenses:	\$504,001.01
Property Taxes/Utilities/Insurance:	\$363,279.35
Educational Expenses:	\$184,501.55
Buildings & Ground Maintenance:	\$147,831.34
Other Expenses:	\$3,124.00
Total Operations:	\$1,202,737.25

## PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Food Service:	\$32,151.00
Athletic Activities/Boosters:	\$277,400.04
Student Body/Campus Ministry/Yearbook:	\$239,071.98
Fundraising Expenditures:	\$34,032.67
Marketing & Admissions/ Student Store:	\$30,550.17
Development & Alumni Operations:	\$33,490.32
Total Program Activities:	\$646,696.18

**TOTAL EXPENSES** ..... **\$5,890,604.66**



*The information and charts above are a cash-based representation.*



# Building a LEGACY ANNUAL FUND



**Thank you to everyone who donated to the Building a Legacy Annual Fund last year.** It is everyday givers who ensure that PMA continues to offer a challenging, Catholic education to its students while giving them the resources to explore their passions and reach their potential. As we have entered a new fiscal year, we are asking for your generous support once again.

Our goal for the Annual Fund this year is to reach \$100,000. As a Catholic High School, PMA relies primarily on tuition and fees from families, the vast majority of whom are making great sacrifices to provide a Catholic education for their children. In the 2022-2023 school year, the cost to educate a single student was \$11,782 while tuition was \$10,850. This leaves a deficit of \$932 minimum per student.

PMA is one of the fastest-growing schools in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. While growth comes with stability, it is important that we keep tuition affordable so we can continue to serve our families and community.

**We humbly ask that you join us by contributing to the 2023 Building a Legacy Annual Fund today. No other return on investment is as great as impacting a young life.**

If any piece of this report has moved you, we have included a remittance envelope in the centerfold for your convenience. If you prefer to make your gift electronically, please visit [piusmatthias.org/support](https://piusmatthias.org/support) and select “Building a Legacy Fund” on the right-hand side. With your help, PMA can continue to make wonderful things happen for today’s Warriors.



## Legacy BRICKS

We have launched a brick campaign and would love for you to “Leave your Legacy” on our campus. We will be offering three locations at different price points: Senior Square, the Softball Dugout, and the Softball Fan Seating Area. Bricks come in sizes 4x8 or 8x8 and you can show your school spirit by selecting from a variety of images to have printed next to your personalized text. This is a joint fundraiser where all proceeds will support Warrior Softball as well as our efforts to refresh Senior Square. Learn more by visiting the support tab of our website.



## Class GIFTS

Many PMA students receive scholarships from those graduates who came before them. We are so grateful for the gifts we receive when alumni band together to support today’s students. We wholeheartedly thank:

- Pius X Class of 1962 for raising \$22,800 last year and \$92,549 since 2014.
- Pius X Class of 1971 alumna, Margaret DeMott-Feldman, who continues to honor the legacy of her beloved classmate Kathy Delis. She has been helping support a student, who is now a senior, through all four years of her high school journey.

Do you have a reunion coming up? Please consider commemorating your education and the friendships you made by helping today’s Warriors.



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## Important DATES 2023-2024

**November 25, 2023** Poker Tournament  
**November 28, 2023** Giving Tuesday  
**December 1, 2023** Christmas Tree Lighting  
**April 6, 2024** Alumni Sip & Paint  
**April 27, 2024** Impact Gala & Grand Reunion  
**May 24, 2024** Graduation  
**June 17, 2024** Warrior Cup Golf Tournament

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