



TOGETHER
FOR CATHOLIC
THE ANNUAL FUND

2024|2025

A GUIDE TO **GIVING &** **GETTING INVOLVED**



Charlotte Catholic High School

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE



KURT TELFORD
President



SALLY MCARDLE
Director of Advancement

Dear Parents, Alumni, and Friends,

The CCHS Annual Fund, *Together for Catholic*, plays a vital role in supporting our most valuable assets - our students and teachers. Throughout our school's history, it has been the dedication of families and supporters like you that has ensured the exceptional quality of a Charlotte Catholic High School education. On behalf of the students, faculty, and administration, **thank you** for your continued support.

A Catholic education is a lifelong gift, deeply rooted in faith. Our students thrive in a community dedicated to inspiring Christ-centered lives, nourished by prayer, charity, and the sacraments. We are committed to social justice and upholding the dignity of all life, recognizing the pursuit of academics as a revelation of God's truth.

The Annual Fund, *Together for Catholic*, plays a crucial role in providing essential resources that bridge the gap between tuition and our needs. Gifts of all sizes enable us to achieve our mission by offering outstanding spiritual, academic, and comprehensive programming for every Charlotte Catholic student, every day.

Together for Catholic allows our entire community to unite in support of our school's mission, creating a lasting impact on our students and their education.

Thank you for your generosity, and may God bless you and all those who contribute to our school community.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally McArdle".

Sally McArdle

THE ANNUAL FUND

The CCHS Annual Fund, *Together for Catholic*, is essential to our school's financial stability and supports Charlotte Catholic's mission and vision. It provides critical resources that supplement tuition, enabling us to offer exceptional spiritual, academic, and extracurricular programs for every student. Gifts of any size have a meaningful impact, helping us uphold our commitment to excellence, and strengthen our community.

100% of the funds raised remain at CCHS. We encourage you to consider making a meaningful contribution.

- **Together** we can grow the Teacher Impact Fund
- **Together** we can provide tuition assistance
- **Together** we can prioritize innovative classroom resources and technology
- **Together** we can fund upgrades to our facilities

GIFTS AT WORK



Recognizing Excellence

At Charlotte Catholic, we believe in the importance of exceptional teaching. The Teacher Impact Fund enables CCHS to focus on recruiting, retaining, and rewarding top educators.



Educational Enhancements

Donations support classroom resources, including technology and grants that inspire creativity and innovation, enhancing our students' academic experience. At Charlotte Catholic, we take pride in utilizing cutting-edge technology to support the academic growth of our students.



Tuition Assistance

The Annual Fund provides need-based tuition assistance, ensuring that qualifying families facing financial challenges can stay enrolled at Charlotte Catholic.



Prioritizing Campus Improvements

The Annual Fund plays a crucial role in providing the necessary resources to enhance and upgrade the facilities and campus at Charlotte Catholic. Through generous contributions, we are able to improve our infrastructure, create a more dynamic learning environment, and invest in the long-term growth of our school community.

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE



2024 Sister Paulette Williams and Verbesey Award Recipients

Photographed (left - right)
Melissa Madden (Science)
David Smith (English)
Sandy Needham (Counseling)
Tim Galarde (Mathematics)
Jacob Bohan (Fine Arts)

This year's winners were celebrated for their unwavering commitment to education, their deep faith, and their tireless efforts in guiding students to prioritize both academics and spiritual growth.

Since its inception, The Teacher Impact Fund has distributed nearly \$1M to well-deserving teachers through the Sister Paulette Williams Award and merit-based awards. The impact of this fund allows Charlotte Catholic to support the faculty in meaningful ways by rewarding their generous commitment to our students.

EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

One of the key benefits of the Annual Fund is the opportunity to support educational enhancements and teacher grants. These grants provide crucial funding to enhance classroom experiences through the integration of technology and other educational resources. By empowering our teachers with the tools they need, we enrich our students' academic development and foster a more dynamic and effective learning environment.

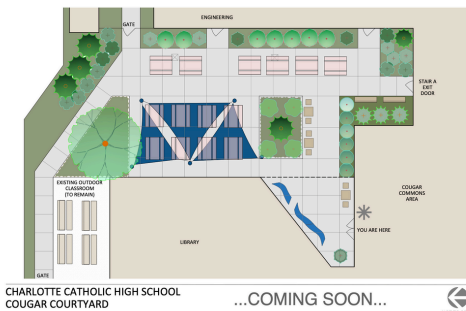
A few highlights from our recent teacher grants:

- Dictionaries for language classes
- English classroom library of novels
- Microscopes with projection cameras
- Photography lens
- Skeleton for anatomy class
- Vex Robotics kits for engineering
- Video and newsroom equipment for podcasting
- World history books

PRIORITIZING CAMPUS UPGRADES

One of the key advantages of the Annual Fund is the ability to assess our campus, school, and classrooms, allowing us to allocate resources where they will have the greatest impact on the CCHS experience. This strategic approach helps us meet the unique needs of our community, investing in initiatives and improvements that promote academic growth, enrich student life, and strengthen the Catholic identity across our campus. Highlights include:

- **Crucifix:** A beautiful crucifix was installed in the Fine Arts Center.
- **Safety Enhancements:** Vape sensors for bathrooms
- **Security Enhancements:** A perimeter fence was installed to protect and streamline access to the CCHS campus.



Student Life Project:

Enhancements to outdoor spaces, including a new outdoor commons area for students with new benches, picnic tables, and a restored reflection area and outdoor classroom.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

We believe every student deserves the gift of a Charlotte Catholic education, regardless of their socioeconomic background. We are grateful for the Annual Fund donations that support need-based tuition assistance, helping students stay at CCHS. This support provides a strong, Christ-centered foundation for prayer, learning, and growth, and can profoundly impact a student's future.

The Annual Fund also offers tuition assistance to CCHS teachers who have children enrolled in MACS schools. Our goal is to provide supplemental support to MACS financial aid, helping our teachers keep their children within the MACS system. Supporting Catholic education for our teachers' families ensures they can continue to be part of the faith-filled learning environment they help create for others.

ANNUAL FUND GIVING LEVELS

Giving levels are based on total giving to **The Annual Fund** during the fiscal year, July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.



1955 CIRCLE

\$10,000+



LEADERS CIRCLE

\$500 - \$999



OUR LADY OF MERCY CIRCLE

\$5,000 - \$9,999



SCHOLARS CIRCLE

\$250 - \$499



ST. JOSEPH'S CIRCLE

\$2,500 - \$4,999



LOYALTY CIRCLE

\$100 - \$249



PRINCIPAL'S CIRCLE

\$1,000 - \$2,499



SUPPORTERS

UP TO \$99



President's Club: Established in October 2024, donors who give \$1,000+ will be invited to quarterly events with President Telford.

HOW TO DONATE

TOGETHER FOR CATHOLIC (Charlotte Catholic's Annual Fund) provides an opportunity for CCHS parents, alumni, faculty, staff, grandparents, and friends to contribute to the outstanding quality of a Charlotte Catholic education.

CASH OR CHECK

Please complete and return the enclosed card. Gifts can be made payable to Charlotte Catholic High School.

ONLINE GIVING

Donate online: <https://www.charlottecatholic.org/supportCCHS>

MATCHING GIFTS

Matching gift programs allow you to significantly increase your gift to Charlotte Catholic. Please contact your employer to see what matching gifts may be available.

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO DONATE

To initiate a gift of securities, IRA distribution, or Donor Advised Fund gift, please contact the CCHS Advancement Office at

CCHSgiving@charlottecatholic.org

GIVING A GIFT

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES AT A GLANCE

When might you be asked to make a gift to Charlotte Catholic?

November & December: Giving Tuesday | Christmas Breakfast | End-of-Year Appeal

February: The Gala

June: End-of-Campaign Appeal

Ready to make a gift? Scan to donate!



Annual Fund Campaign

October through June

Parents, alumni, and friends are invited to contribute to The Annual Fund, *Together for Catholic*. The Annual Fund provides resources for CCHS to elevate the experience of students, faculty, and staff through educational enhancements, campus upgrades, tuition assistance, and teacher grants and awards.

Christmas Breakfast

December 3, 2024

The Christmas Breakfast welcomes our Charlotte Catholic community to come together in fellowship and learn more about *Together for Catholic*. Attendees will enjoy a performance by our CCHS choir, a brief program highlighting the impact of annual fund gifts in our school, and have an opportunity to make a year-end contribution to Charlotte Catholic High School.

The Gala

February 8, 2025

The Gala is Charlotte Catholic's biggest fundraiser, raising important revenue to support the school's needs. This event is a wonderful chance for community businesses and individuals to get involved through attendance, donations, sponsorships, and volunteering. Your participation helps us strengthen our community and support our mission.

President's Reception

May 14, 2025

The President's reception is an evening party to recognize and thank all of our generous CCHS Annual Fund donors.

GETTING INVOLVED

STAY CONNECTED

- ... visit **charlottecatholic.org** to subscribe to dynamic school calendars and newsletters
 - ... read **daily, weekly, and monthly newsletters** from the Administration, Booster Club, and the Alumni Association
 - ... connect on **Facebook** @CCHSCharlotte, **Instagram** @cchscougarnews, and **X (formerly Twitter)** @cchscougarnews to experience the life of CCHS on a daily basis
 - ... attend a school event on campus to support our students
 - ... engage with the CCHS community
 - ... join the **Charlotte Catholic High School Alumni community**, charlottecatholicalumni.org
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