

## Ways to support *Celebrating the Past, Securing the Future*

### *The Campaign for St. Francis High School*

Numerous opportunities exist for donors at all levels to make a difference as we prepare to commemorate our first 100 years and provide the foundation for the next century of Franciscan secondary education in Western New York.

You can participate in the campaign by making a commitment that provides flexibility and time to complete your commitment. We are excited to bring these improvements and support to our students as soon as possible; therefore, we hope that most commitments will be completed within 36 months. However, if a longer period is required to complete your commitment, we would be pleased to work with you to arrange such a gift.

When deciding how you can best help support *Celebrating the Past, Securing the Future*, there are a variety of giving options to consider. Each presents certain advantages and all are tax deductible within the limits specified by the IRS code. We would recommend that you consult with an attorney and/or a financial advisor when planning your commitment.

**GIFTS OF CASH** qualify for a charitable deduction in the calendar year given and are limited to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income annually. Any amount given over this limit is eligible for a five-year carryover.

**GIFTS OF APPRECIATED SECURITIES** held for more than one year allow a donor to use the full value of the security at the time of donation as a tax deduction while avoiding the capital gains tax that would be imposed if the security were sold.

**GIFTS OF PROPERTY**, including a residence, undeveloped land, vacation home, jewelry, art, etc., can significantly benefit the school and the donor. The specialized help of appraisers and tax advisors is necessary to make such a gift.

**GIFTS OF LIFE INSURANCE** can provide a relatively low-cost way to make a sizable gift. It is important to consult with your attorney or tax advisor.

**BEQUESTS AND LIFE PAYMENT PLANS** are excellent ways to participate in the campaign at levels you might not ordinarily consider. These include a bequest in one's will and various trust instruments. Our team of professionals will be happy to assist your financial advisors in finding an attractive plan for your situation.

While there are several avenues to make your gift, the main consideration in making any type of gift to the campaign is to find the way that best accomplishes your philanthropic goals while supporting an institution in which you believe and value.

For further information about *Celebrating the Past, Securing the Future: The Campaign for St. Francis High School* please contact:

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