



CAMPAIGN CHRONICLES

CELEBRATING THE PAST - SECURING THE FUTURE!



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we enter the quiet hope of Advent, our Celebrating the Past, Securing the Future campaign invites us to pause and recognize the ways God continues to work in and through our St. Francis family. This season encourages gratitude and watchfulness, and both are reflected in the generosity that shapes our young men's lives each day. Our commitment to forming Franciscan-hearted young men remains central to our mission, guiding us as we honor our past and build a future filled with promise.

We are especially grateful for the support of Sue & Paul and Marco & Kari, whose commitment to the campaign strengthens our work and encourages others to partner with us. Their faith in our students and our mission is felt in every corner of the school. I am excited about our young men sharing their talent at our Fine Arts Christmas Concert after a semester breaking in the newly renovated choir and band rooms.

Thanks to the kindness of so many in our community, we have now reached **\$15.9 million** toward our campaign goal. In the coming weeks, we look forward to completing the new fitness center, an essential investment in the well-being of all of our students. Your continued support makes these milestones possible, and we are deeply grateful for all you do to help our young men grow into men of service, leadership, and joy.

-Fr. Matthew Foley, OFM Conv.

Donor Spotlight

William Arthur Ward once said, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and never giving it."



We are very grateful to St. Francis High School for the wonderful, well-rounded education they provided during the four years each of our sons, Peter and Ben, spent in their care. Our values were echoed and reinforced in every aspect of their high school experience, and our sons became better men because of their St. Francis experience.

That feeling of gratitude for what St. Francis did for our family and for what they continue to do for every young man who is blessed to join the brotherhood led us to want to express that feeling by giving back. We count our blessings, and we want to make our blessings count.

- Paul & Susan Santandreu

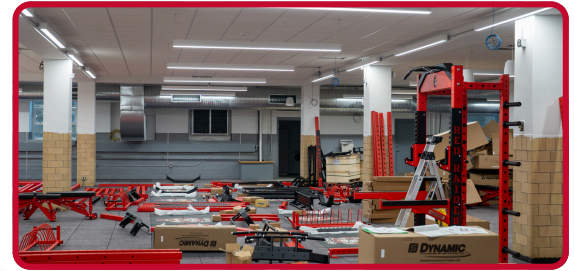


As a student at St. Francis during the early 1990s, I heard the words spoken by St. Francis from one of my religious studies teachers: "While we have time, let us do good." Those words not only resonated with me on the day I heard them, but they continue to guide me in every facet of my life: especially in the way I approached my education, and even to this day in how I operate my business, how I serve my clients, how I treat my family, and in how I endeavor to serve others.

While the words of St. Francis had a dramatic impact on me, they also serve as the guiding principles of my beloved alma mater. St. Francis High School does its good by educating youths and molding them into young Christian men who will go on to serve as future leaders in our community for generations to come, which is what our world so desperately needs. That is why Kari and I are happy to support St. Francis in its Capital Campaign, and we encourage others to do the same to ensure that the school's mission lives on into its next 100 years of serving God by serving its students and doing the good that St. Francis preached and manifested in his words and actions.

-Marco '93 & Keri Cercone

Renovation Progress



Our new **Fitness Center** and **Athletic Training Room** near completion as the year comes to a close.



Our completed **Choir Room**.



Our completed **Instrumental Music Room**.



Our completed **Russell J. Salvatore Student Dining Room**.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

We're making progress!



\$20,500,000

Goal

\$15,900,000

Raised

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