



TOGETHER for GREATNESS

A TOTINO-GRACE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



MISSION

Grounded in Catholic values and enriched by our Lasallian and School Sisters of Notre Dame heritage, we welcome and empower our diverse community to pursue lives of faith, service, and leadership through transformational learning to be light for the world.

Dear Totino-Grace community members,

When we opened our doors in 1966, the Christian Brothers and School Sisters of Notre Dame formed a culture at Totino-Grace that saw both teaching and learning as holy endeavors, centered entirely on teaching minds, touching hearts, and transforming lives through relationships. In community, our school finds life. It's how we welcome, affirm, and propel our students to be a part of something larger than themselves.

Today, we make history. We are reaffirming our commitment to the Lasallian ideal of community by launching the largest fundraising campaign in Totino-Grace history. *Together for Greatness* is a \$17 million initiative that will reinforce the Totino-Grace legacy today and for decades to come.

- *Together for Greatness* will completely renovate our front entrance and exterior facade to reflect the excellence of the education that happens inside.
- *Together for Greatness* will create a new Student Life Center, a crucial piece of our mission, to welcome, inspire, and build upon an already robust community – a space that enhances student connection, deepens relationships, and empowers our commitment to service beyond self.
- *Together for Greatness* will renovate the girls' locker room and provide a reimagined place for fellowship, camaraderie, and co-curricular opportunities.
- *Together for Greatness* will enhance our financial security and stability by increasing our long-term scholarship opportunities to make Totino-Grace affordable for families AND increase our salaries to attract and retain the best faculty and staff.

Strong school facilities are a fundamental factor when families determine the right school for their children. In recent years, many of our nearby school competitors have made significant upgrades to their campuses. To ensure Totino-Grace remains competitive and appealing to prospective families, we must commit to creating an atmosphere where students thrive academically, spiritually, and socially. *Together for Greatness* is an investment in our children's future that builds a foundation for their success in high school and beyond.

For almost 60 years, you and others like you have invested in our mission to help students live lives of distinction. Thanks to your generosity, Totino-Grace provides students with opportunities they won't find elsewhere. I am asking you to join us in our continuing commitment to our students and their futures. We are in this together, *for greatness*.

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever.



Dr. Craig W. Junker, President



HISTORY AND HERITAGE

When Totino-Grace opened our doors in 1966, the Christian Brothers and School Sisters of Notre Dame introduced our community to the people we now call our Founders—not because St. John Baptist de La Salle or Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger ever walked the halls of Totino-Grace, but because of their faith in God, their calling as educators to shape young lives, and their love for students is what inspired the Brothers and the Sisters in those early years. Just as it was at our inception, the starting point of Lasallian education is first, and always, the student. Totino-Grace exists for no other reason than to respond to the needs of young people—to truly and authentically educate and serve them.



OUR VISION

Securing our Future

A Totino-Grace education touches the heart of each student and inspires them to achieve personal, academic, and spiritual fulfillment within a safe, unified community. Predicated on the Lasallian pillars of learning, faith, community, and service, our culture is highlighted by connections and relationships between staff and students. We've kept this commitment for almost 60 years, and it's our responsibility to ensure Totino-Grace provides an exceptional experience for the next six decades of future Eagles and beyond. *Together for Greatness* requires a commitment to raising cash and planned gifts and includes a three-pronged case: facilities, teachers, and students.



for **TOGETHER** **GREATNESS**

Campaign Priorities

The *Together for Greatness* campaign will strengthen the impact Totino-Grace has on our students, families, and community. These investments will help us attract future Eagles, find and retain top faculty, and remain at the forefront of secondary education. We aspire to raise \$17 million to support these initiatives and to show our unified commitment to providing a comprehensive Catholic education.

MODERNIZE & REPURPOSE CAMPUS FACILITIES
\$8,500,000

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Upgrade important aspects of our facilities – the front entrance and the girls’ locker room – and create a brand-new Student Life Center to reflect our commitment to fostering an atmosphere where students can thrive academically, spiritually, and socially.

ENDOW STUDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE
\$2,500,000

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Grow endowment – principally through planned gifts – to provide financial stability and perpetual scholarship support to help make a Totino-Grace education affordable for all.

FUND TEACHING EXCELLENCE
\$2,500,000

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Create an endowment – principally through planned gifts – to increase teacher salaries and ensure our competitiveness by allowing us to attract and retain the best faculty and staff.

Sustain TG FUND (ANNUAL FUND)
\$3,500,000

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The ongoing financial support of Totino-Grace High School comes primarily from the Annual Fund that provides generally unrestricted resources for program enhancements, capital improvements, and tuition assistance. (Every member of the TG family is asked to continually support the Annual Fund in addition to committing a gift to the campaign.)

Investments in these areas are investments in our children’s futures.

1 MODERNIZE AND ELEVATE 1 FACILITIES





\$8,500,000

Front Facade and Entrance

The front entrance of Totino-Grace is not simply an entryway; it reflects the spirit of our Lasallian and School Sisters of Notre Dame heritage and is the first impression that community members and guests receive about who we are and what we stand for. In other words, the “front door” mirrors our standard of excellence.

COMMUNITY


To continue attracting prospective students in a competitive market, a new, modern front entrance will dramatically upgrade the entire ambiance of the school, create a safer entrance, and elevate how others perceive us. The current front entrance is original to the 1966 campus and its useful life has worn out. It no longer portrays the high standards of excellence that we are known for. A new front entrance will maximize natural light, improve safety and accessibility, and provide an inspiring and welcoming first impression. Additionally, the front facade remodel will include replacing our aging front stairs and entire front sidewalk to create a safer, more aesthetically pleasing and functional drop off for families.





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Create New Student Life Center

One of the first promises we make to our students is that we will see them each as individuals, unique and unrepeatable. This promise forms our legacy of hospitality, embodied by our teachers and staff members. Our teachers know our students and our students know one another. Now, we have an opportunity to create a space that will empower deeper connection and community for decades to come.

Our redesigned front entrance will naturally flow into a bold new Student Life Center. Modeled after university campuses (but with a unique TG charm) and built within the existing front office footprint, this space will provide a safe, visible and dynamic area for students throughout the day. Collaboration and community are the core of the design. Open space, adaptable seating arrangements, and plentiful sunlight will make for a welcoming space that students can use before, during, and after school. With an air of distinction and excellence, our Student Life Center will introduce students to the collaboration, innovation, and freedom that they'll experience at the next level. It will be a magnet for student interaction and a space for the freedom and community that every student needs.

This is the project that will solidify our foundation, built on the inclusive and welcoming principles handed down by Saint John Baptist de La Salle and Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger. **This is the project** that will form our legacy, one of collaboration and innovation, focused on working together to change the world, carrying on the tradition of the Christian Brothers and School Sisters of Notre Dame. **This is the project that will define our future, set Totino-Grace apart, and begin a new era for our students, our staff, our school.**

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Remodel Girls' Locker Room

The creation of the Student Life Center will necessitate a relocation of our existing administrative offices to the currently unused square footage of our girls' locker room. The completely remodeled girls' locker room will have all new showers, bathrooms, flooring, lighting, and lockers, as well as a new team room. Our intention is to start with the girls' locker room and revisit upgrades to the boys' locker room in the future.

Our girls' locker room dates back to 1966 and it shows. The time is now to update this space, because a locker room is more than just a place to change clothes. It's a place for athletes to mentally prepare before practice and competitions, a place for them to catch their breath and relax after a tough workout, and a place to regroup at halftime and draw up a new game plan. Our locker room is even a place where teammates come together in prayer and solidify lifelong friendships. They truly can be an athlete's second home.





2024-2025 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Next Schedule Coming Fall 2025!

Varsity JV Freshman

SEP 30 Football - Varsity Boys vs. Fridley High School (Away)
7:00 PM
Fridley High School
Bridgeway

SEP 5 Football - Varsity Boys vs. Stanley High School (Home)
7:00 PM
Stanley High School



This portion of *Together for Greatness* seeks \$8.5 million to elevate our campus experience and enhance key areas of student life.





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\$2,500,000

Increase Student Assistance Endowment

Over 40% of our students will receive need-based financial assistance this school year, totaling over \$2.1 million. The average aid package is over \$7,400. Without the generosity of our supporters, it is safe to say that four in ten of our Eagles would not be enrolled at TG, which would significantly change not only the composition of our school but how we live out our mission.

Over the last decade, the amount of tuition assistance Totino-Grace has been able to award has more than doubled, largely due to the fund-a-need portion of our gala and the incredible generosity of our supporters. Only 35% of the total financial aid currently awarded to students is supported by our endowment or by restricted scholarship funds, which is simply not enough to sustain our families.

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The *Together for Greatness* campaign seeks to raise \$2.5 million for our tuition assistance endowment, an amount that will allow us to better meet the needs of our students.

- Growing our endowment will provide perpetual support for tuition assistance.
- Targeting tuition assistance to lower income/middle class families turns aspiration and hard work into opportunities.
- Growing our endowment supports our mission of making Catholic education accessible for all, especially those in need.

WIND ACCESS
PORTUNITY
STUDENTS



\$2,500,000

**Create Endowment to Attract
and Retain the Best Teachers**

Totino-Grace faculty are the best stewards of our mission, so attracting and retaining the standard of teaching excellence that Totino-Grace was built upon is paramount to our future. For Totino-Grace to maintain a robust and transformative education, we must provide competitive salaries. Through a teacher salary endowment, Totino-Grace can support the very foundation that fortifies the values and standards we provide: our teachers.

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FUND

TEACHING
EXCELLENCE



The *Together for Greatness* campaign seeks to raise \$2.5 million to support faculty salaries so they remain competitive with salaries provided to both in-area public schools and other surrounding Catholic high schools.

- Providing support for competitive salaries will attract and retain top teaching talent and continue to secure our reputation as a top independent school in the Archdiocese.
- Competitive salaries for our teachers emphasize the value and importance of our mission.

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TGFUND
(ANNUAL FUND)



\$3,500,000

The TG Fund, the school's annual fund, is the foundation of Totino-Grace's yearly fundraising efforts. It is a critical bridge, filling the gap each year between tuition and the actual cost of educating our Eagles. These gifts have an immediate impact: not only do they provide the crucial core of our day-to-day budgeting, support for the TG fund helps finance everything that makes Totino-Grace special: from enhancing curricula and academic programs to sustaining operations and facilities, from lifting up campus ministry opportunities to supporting academic and co-curricular programming.

The TG Fund relies on gifts from our community: from alumni, parents, grandparents, board members, friends, and faculty. It is where many small gifts come together to form the single largest gift the school receives each year. Over the course of the campaign, Totino-Grace looks to strengthen the TG Fund for our school, fostering a culture of philanthropy that will sustain the school for years to come.



**TOGETHER
WE WILL**



Summary

At Totino-Grace, our success is measured in the lives our students lead, as graduates, contributors, and leaders in their communities. As we near our 60th year anniversary in 2026, we admire our alumni and the examples they set, and we look forward to the impact that the next 60 years of Eagles will make.

It is a privilege for us to ask you to support our *Together for Greatness* campaign. We say this because we are asking on behalf of the 700 students of today and the thousands that will follow in the future. When you make a contribution, you strengthen our school, our community, and our mission to prepare young men and women to live lives of purpose.

Thank you for reviewing our case for support. We ask for your counsel, your questions, and your assistance. Imagine the difference you can make by partnering with us. Our strength as a school is the strength of our community and our unified commitment to its future.

TOGETHER FOR GREATNESS SUMMARY

Student Financial Assistance & Teacher Endowments	\$5,000,000
Student Life Center, Front Entrance & Girls' Locker Room	\$8,500,000
TG Annual Fund (3 years)	\$3,500,000

CAMPAIGN GOAL \$17,000,000

CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SHIP

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Matt Ksepka P '24

Chief Financial Officer

Tim Pastoors '02

Director of Facilities and Technology

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SCALE OF GIFTS

**\$17,000,000 PROPOSED
CAMPAIGN GOAL**

NO. OF GIFTS NEEDED

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20

32

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IN THE RANGE OF	RANGE TOTAL	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,500,000
\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,500,000
\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$7,500,000
\$250,000	\$2,000,000	\$9,500,000
\$150,000	\$1,800,000	\$11,300,000
\$100,000	\$2,000,000	\$13,300,000
\$50,000	\$1,600,000	\$14,900,000
\$25,000	\$1,100,000	\$16,000,000
\$10,000	\$1,000,000	\$17,000,000

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for **GREATNESS**

