

Every Annual Fund Gift Does Make a Difference!

Our Lady of the Wayside Parish was founded in 1952 with Mass being held in temporary spaces. Father O'Hara, the Pastor, broke ground on the new school and church building on May 24, 1953, the Feast of Our Lady of the Wayside. In August 1954, the first students entered the building of OLV School. Many changes have occurred since then, but the core value of providing an excellent Catholic education to families remains intact.

Enriching minds. Fostering faith. Expanding talents.

The OLV School Annual Fund provides unrestricted support for the school's operating budget. The Annual Fund Committee works with the principal to use the Fund in the best interest of the school and students, allowing OLV to maintain the high standards of academic excellence that gave us recognition as a 1997 and 2015 National Blue Ribbon school.

Why does OLV School need an Annual Fund?

Revenue from tuition and fees alone does not cover the true cost of educating an OLV student. Our parish makes an investment into the school and the parent volunteer organization, the Family School Association (FSA), also donates funds that they raise throughout each school year. Donations to the Annual Fund make up an additional funding source outside of current parents; *support from alumni, past parents and parishioners is essential to grow the Annual Fund.*

What does the Annual Fund support?

Support of the Annual Fund underwrites a broad range of undertakings that make Our Lady of the Wayside School a great educational establishment. The Annual Fund:

- Allows the administration to invest in updated curriculum and best-practice instructional methods and materials.
- Maintains the technology that is an important part of the modern curriculum.
- Helps with improvement projects to maintain a modern, safe and clean school campus.
- Provides professional development opportunities for our wonderful, caring teachers.
- Lets us, as a small private school, retain learning resource teachers who assist students that learn at a different pace.
- Supports the general operating expenses of the school.

How much are you asking me to give?

Philanthropic giving is a very personal decision. We need the larger school community – alumni, parents of alumni, parishioners – to support our school and move it forward so that we can provide a Catholic education for the long-term future. Will you prayerfully consider making OLV a priority in your charitable giving?

If you feel called to make a donation of \$1000 or more and want your donation to impact the school in a different way, please contact the Development Director, Danielle Kenney, dkenney@olwschool.org, or 847-255-0050.