

Gloria Rebek Scholarship Fund Our Lady of the Wayside School

For 16 years, Gloria Rebek played a key role at Our Lady of the Wayside School as its beloved school secretary. From 1970 to 1986, Mrs. Rebek served under five different principals. She not only assisted in administrative matters, but served as nurse, mother and confidant to students and faculty alike. Her multi-tasking came naturally. The former business secretary, who initially stayed home to raise her five daughters, turned her volunteering stint at their school into a full time job.

When she retired in 1986, her co-workers joined with school board members in establishing a scholarship fund that reflected Mrs. Rebek's value of Catholic education. Its purpose is to provide tuition assistance for families who demonstrate financial need.

The Gloria Rebek Scholarship Fund is available for immediate use for families who meet its requirements. Just as Mrs. Rebek was devoted to the school and its students, the scholarship fund named in her honor continues to be the first line of help for families finding themselves on hard times. Some families have a one-time need because of an unexpected financial circumstance. Some families apply yearly for scholarship aid because providing a Catholic education for their children is important, but financially out of reach.

Generous benefactors and families whose children have been educated at Our Lady of the Wayside continue to donate to the fund making a Catholic education accessible for all. A scholarship fund is always in need of donations and a gift of any size makes an impact to this worthy fund.

Sadly, Mrs. Rebek passed away in 2012 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. She lived in Arlington Heights and remained a devoted parishioner of Our Lady of the Wayside for more than 40 years. OLV School is very grateful for the legacy of her name and the Gloria Rebek Scholarship Fund.

