

2019 - 2020 Annual Report

Lumen Christi Catholic High School



Faith, Family, Excellence!



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Dear Friends and Families of Lumen Christi Catholic High School,

What an amazing, unique, and blessed year this has been. School year 2019-2020 started out like any other, but finished like no one could have possibly imagined. Our fall semester was spent celebrating our annual traditions like Back to School Night, Senior and High School Retreats, Homecoming, Advent Reconciliation Service, and soccer and volleyball games and tournaments. Lumen Christi was also proud to make local, state, and national news with our groundbreaking “No Cell Phone” policy. From KTUU, KTVA, and ADN here in Anchorage to Yahoo Lifestyles, Newsweek, and People magazine in the Lower 48, our policy gained attention from coast to coast. After Christmas, our boys and girls basketball seasons went into full swing, our spring semester got underway, and Senior Prom and graduation were beginning to shine brightly on the horizons of our Class of 2020.

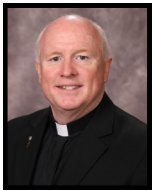
When our students left for spring break in March, we were collectively celebrating our students who earned spots in the all State Debate Tournament in Juneau, cheering our boy’s basketball team which was poised to claim the Division 1A State Championship and eagerly anticipating the Drama Club’s spring production of “Cat & Mouse.”

COVID-19 changed all of that. Lumen Christi - like all other private, public and charter schools - closed its doors and was challenged to design and implement a 100% online, virtual learning experience. In less than seven days, we developed a comprehensive plan to not only ensure our students “logged on,” but also that they stayed engaged, completed assignments, attended on-line Mass and Stations of the Cross (during Lent), and actively continued to learn. Thanks to our strong, flexible, and adaptable teaching staff, partnered with our committed and resilient parents, our students continued to grow in body, mind, and spirit despite the challenges. We were even able to celebrate ten special and memorable individual graduations for the members of our Class of 2020 and combine them into a unique video presentation viewed online by hundreds in our school and faith community.

Our community’s response to this pandemic is nothing short of exemplary. This was an “all hands effort”-- teachers, staff, students, parents, alumni, parishioners, donors, benefactors, and friends of Lumen Christi. We all came together to finish our school year off strong and be prepared to open our doors in 2020-2021 for our 25th anniversary. In the pages of this Annual Report, you will see the fruits of these labors. I hope the photos you see and the testimonies you read bring you as much pride as they bring me. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve this great community. Thank you for all you do to support this awesome school.

Blessings, Brian

From the Pastor



This Annual Report is a way not only to thank all of our donors, but also to share stories of how your gifts and involvement with our school are making a meaningful difference for students today and tomorrow. On behalf of our School Board, I would like to thank all who give, those who are named in this publication and those who are not but who give generously of their time and talent throughout the year. Finance is important, and it's why this report contains budget information. But the truly important things are those intangibles that make a Catholic school great - a firm foundation in our faith and in our desire to emulate Christ in the service of others; a lively and challenging academic environment; a community built on the principles of justice and love; a desire to form the whole person to the greater glory of God - these are the things that make a Catholic school vibrant and unique. As you read through this report, we hope you see those attributes shining forth in the pictures and words that seek to capture a year like none other in the history of our school.

I owe a debt of gratitude to our outgoing Board Chair, Greg Gallagher. A member of the Board since 2017, Greg has guided our School Board the past two years as Chair, both of the Board and of the Development Committee. I appreciate the expertise he has brought from his professional life in the development field, and the passion he exudes for Catholic education. We have been fortunate to have a leader of his caliber.

I welcome our new Board Chair, Lea Bouton, who brings with her a wealth of experience in the public school system, having been awarded the honor of being selected at the BP Teacher of the Year in 2018.

Finally, I would like to give a special shout-out to our fabulous teachers and support staff, all under the leadership of our fine Principal, Brian Ross, assisted by our long-serving Academic Dean, Debbie Brewer. This team has worked tirelessly over the summer months to craft a "return-to-school plan" that is absolutely first-rate. I owe them all a tremendous debt of gratitude!

With pride in the ten graduates from the Class of 2020 and with a heartfelt welcome to all of our new students and their families, I reiterate just how blessed I feel to be part of this Lumen family. May we approach this year with grateful hearts (and a good sense of humor!) for the opportunity to open our doors to a most exciting year ahead. May God bless you! — **Fr. Tom Lilly**

Outgoing School Board President



It has been my privilege to serve as the President of the Lumen Christi School Board for the last two years. I will be staying on the Board for this next year for three reasons.

First, the education of your sons and daughters is deeply important work. Second, I'm grateful to Lea Bouton for stepping up to serve as your new Board Chair. She is a mom, an educator, a seasoned military veteran, and a faithful Catholic, and she blends all of these roles with wisdom and humility in service to your families. I look forward to assisting her in whatever way I can. Third, I am humbled by the commitment and investment every Lumen family has made in sending your children to this wonderful school. I truly appreciate your many sacrifices.

I know we have a lot of new families this year. Thank you for joining us! We are grateful for your presence, and we look forward to spending a year together in the pursuit of excellence.

May the Lord bless the students, parents, faculty, and administration of Lumen Christi High School!

— **Greg Gallagher**

Incoming School Board President



A BP Teacher of Excellence in 2018, Mrs. Lea Bouton brings that excellence to the classroom at Dimond High School (chemistry, physics, and engineering) and to our School Board. A member of the Board since 2017, Lea chairs our Curriculum Committee (a committee of one!) to help ensure we keep "excellence" at the forefront of all we do. She writes, "Thank you for all that you are doing to keep in person education possible at Lumen Christi! I am deeply grateful for all that each family is doing to help ensure that a vibrant Catholic education is available for our students and your sacrifices do not escape me. As an educator, mother, and St. Benedict's parishioner, and now Board President, helping Lumen Christi achieve sustained success and financial stability is one of my priorities. I hope that you will join me in praying daily for the protection of our school community, and in active participation towards meeting our fundraising and share hour goal. I look forward to serving in this new capacity. " — **Lea Bouton**

“And Then Some”...UA Scholar Karin Helgesen



This award recognizes a student (junior or senior high school) who makes a significant and positive impact during the semester. To be considered, the nominee must go above and beyond that which is normally expected of a Lumen Christi student. Student accomplishments should set them apart from their peers and should have a noticeable contribution to the school and community at large. This is not an academic ability award nor is it an athletic prowess award. Rather, this award showcases a student who best exemplifies and lives daily our core values of Faith, Family, and Excellence...and then some! **Lumen's “And Then Some Award” winner for fall of 2019 was**

Karin Helgesen! A hands-down winner, Karin exemplified the ideals of this award. Always the first to volunteer, Karin looked for opportunities to help her fellow students without waiting to be asked, whether it was leading music at school liturgies, preparing a talk for the high school retreat, or tutoring younger students. A woman with a deep spiritual center, her Catholic faith plays an important role in her life, not just the teachings but her decision to put them into action. Having attended Lumen for six years, it was a joy for her teachers to watch her mature and graduate as a confident, focused, and other-centered young woman, who upholds the ideals of a Lumen graduate!

“Sabbaticals and Substitute Teachers: Our Wonderful Faculty!”

Mrs. Ali Craig



Our longtime Lumen Christi science and math teacher Mrs. Alison Craig and her husband, Cal, welcomed God's little gift of love, “Miss Isla Joe

Craig” into their lives on July 8th. Measuring and weighing in just short of a good size red salmon, little Isla Joe has rapidly changed their sleeping, eating, and talking habits! Mrs. Craig will return from sabbatical next year.

Mrs. Megan Spillers



My family is doing well living in Southern Alabama! This opportunity to be together again while my husband

completes flight school for the Army National Guard has been the biggest blessing. Our daughter Zoey, recently turned two and continues to enjoy playgrounds, friends, and reading. While Zoey naps, I am working to earn a second Masters degree - this time in secondary education - so I remain busy. I'll see you all again in January!

Mrs. Annie Broberg



I am home with my kids this year, helping them with ASD online and hanging out with the 3 year old, as

well. In addition, I will hopefully start working toward a doctorate in educational technologies starting in January. I look forward to returning to teach at Lumen Christi. I really miss the students and my fellow teachers. See you next year!

Mrs. Kelli Reed



Having subbed and student taught at Lumen, this year I'm teaching Eighth Grade Language Arts, Earth Science, Social Studies, and

General Math. I feel incredibly blessed to be working in the safe and engaging environment that Lumen Christi provides its students, allowing them more opportunities for experiential learning and shared discourse than many of their peers.

Mrs. Sierra Zorea



I love teaching at Lumen Christi! The students are engaged and are a joy to work with. The staff has been the most amazing group of professionals I

have ever worked with. I have never been in such a supportive community that aims at seeing others succeed. My favorite aspect of the school is how it strives to provide students with an excellent education while incorporating its Catholic faith.

Mrs. Rochelle Pendergast

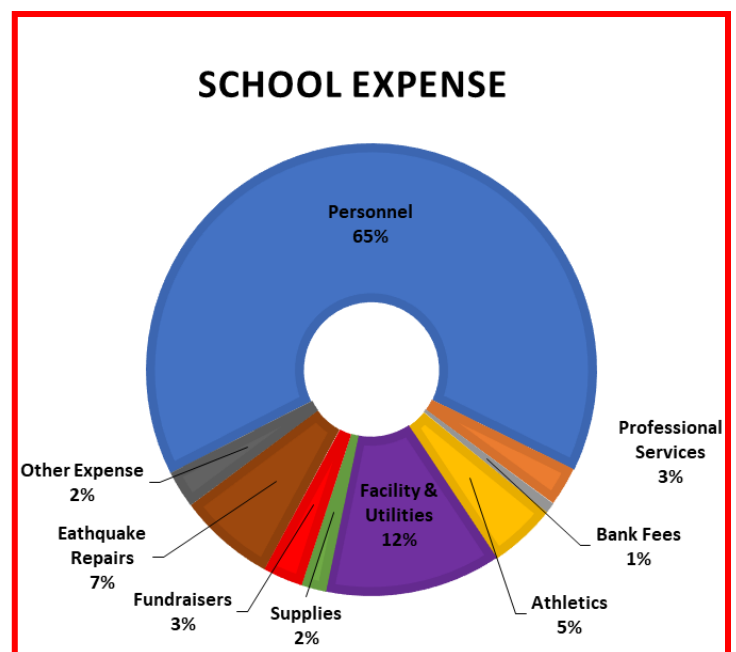
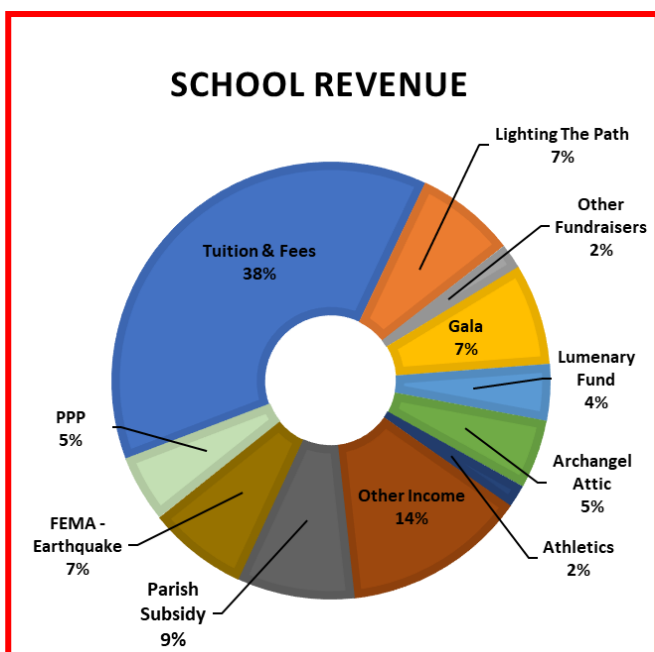
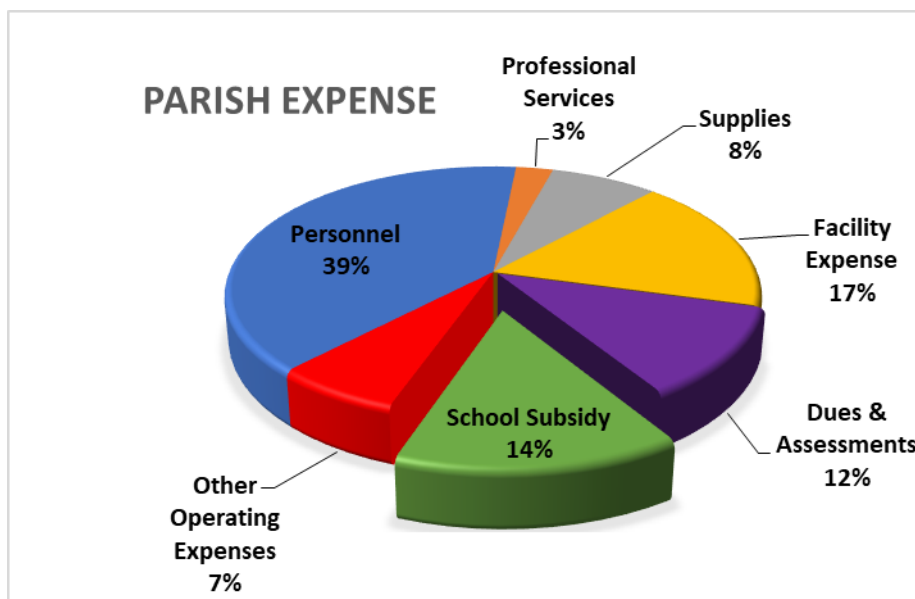


As a long-term sub for Mrs. Craig, I feel right at home teaching physics and math. I also love my Catholic faith. Now in my second month I

feel right at home and I love teaching Theology. The community has been welcoming in the extreme, and the students are proving to be a real joy to be with; they are alive in their faith and their studies, and what a difference that makes!

Financials - Saint Benedict Parish and Lumen Christi School

Parishioners of Saint Benedict Parish supported Lumen Christi with \$120,000 in FY20. The Archangel Attic, closed from March-June due to COVID-19, supported Lumen Christi with an additional \$70,587, for a combined support of \$190,587. This represented an investment of \$2,888 in each of the school's 66 students last year. This direct support accounted for 14-percent of the school's income. The real cost to educate a student at Lumen Christi was more than \$17,400 in FY20 and tuition averaged \$8,500 per student. The "gap" meant that Lumen families paid 49% of the real cost of education, receiving a scholarship of \$8,900. This gap was made up through a combination of the LUMEN-ary Drive, the Annual Gala Auction, other fundraisers, and the remaining direct support from the parish. With the low student count the parish would have ended up more than \$175,000 in debt. Thanks be to God this deficit was offset through PPP funding and other grants. It was a very tough year, but we made it!



2019 - 2020 LUMEN-ary Drive Donors

Many thanks to the individuals listed below for helping us to “close the gap” between the real cost of educating a student at Lumen Christi (\$17,400) and what a family pays in tuition. Thank you very much!

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Archangel Athletes Rise to the Challenge!

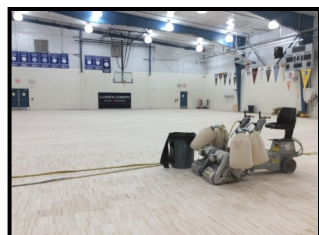
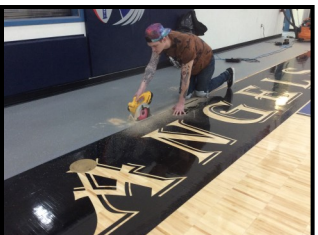
It was another busy start to the school year for Lumen Christi athletics. The high school coed soccer team had a good year and finished 5th at the state tournament and were led by All- Conference selections Sophia Dupras, Toby Agosti and Emily Ross. The middle school soccer team had a successful season and finished 3rd in the conference tournament. The middle school basketball boys team developed throughout the year and played well in the conference tournament. The middle school girls basketball team had a strong showing at the Su-Valley Invitational and followed that up with a 3rd consecutive conference title.

Lumen Christi's high school girl's basketball team had a solid season and were led to a fourth place finish in the region by All Conference performer Sophia Dupras. It was a young team which continued to grow and develop throughout the season. The high school boys basketball team had another strong year culminating in a region title and a consensus # 1 poll ranking in the state after the unfortunate cancellation of the state basketball tournament. The team finished with a record of 21-3 and was led by 1st team All State player Daniel Bennett. The middle school volleyball team had a strong showing with a young team and finished third in the conference. Unfortunately, the sports seasons all came to an abrupt halt as the pandemic led to the closures of school and the cancellation of all sports activities for the remainder of the spring. We are so proud of all of our student athletes!



Lumen Gymnasium gets an Earthquake-inspired Facelift!

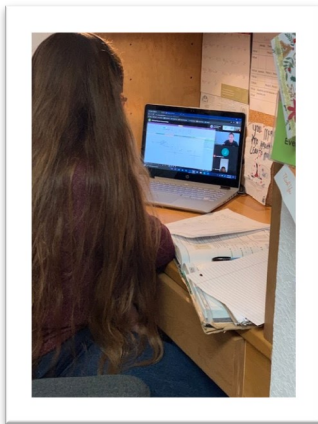
We all remember when the “earth moved under our feet” - November 30, 2018, at 8:29 a.m. This 7.1 magnitude earthquake caused considerable damage to homes and business alike. Saint Benedict Parish and Lumen Christi School fared much better than many, with no structural damage. Our gym floor, however, took a beating with extensive water damage to the floor, despite a quick clean-up effort and 12 weeks of fans blowing air under the floor 24/7. Alas, the floor could not be salvaged. Fortunately, with schools listed as “critical infrastructure,” we qualified for FEMA funds in order to replace the floor, thanks be to God. With extensive mold mediation required the total bill approached \$300,000. Alaskan Industries installed the original floor and did a superb job ensuring the new floor was installed in time for the start of the basketball season. Of course, once the new floor was done, everything else looked tired, so this past summer we washed and repainted the interior. Everything looks brand new!



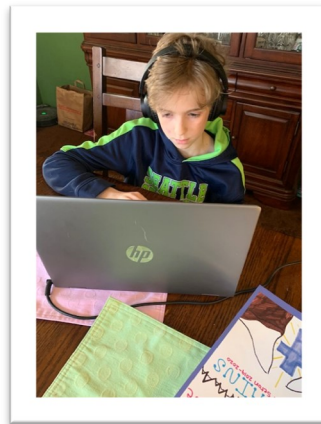
Looking Back on THE Challenge of the Year!

The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly brought its share of challenges; however, it has also brought many blessings. Creativity, perseverance, and a good sense of humor filled our students, faculty, staff, and “rising students.” Below is a snapshot of a year to remember (and, hopefully, not one to repeat!).

“What blessings did I discover last spring in the midst of distance learning?”



“I found out I can self motivate myself to do my work and I had more time to do the things I enjoy. When I am working, I set a goal for myself and then reward myself (take a break, get a snack) once I reach that goal. I also was able to practice more on my dancing and baking in my free time.” — **Kateri**



“One of the blessings I discovered last spring during distance learning was my appreciation for being in school. It is easier to learn in-person, and I realized how important my friendships are to me. I will always be thankful for my friends and make sure I stay connected with them.” — **Vincent**



“During quarantine last semester I had to figure out how to turn assignments in, and how to log onto Google Meets. My blessings were that all the teachers were very helpful, and my parents also helped out a lot. I wanted to keep close to my friends through Google Meets. Finally, when we got to pick up our school supplies, we went out for a small treat.” — **Hayden**



An awesome grad road rally!

Lumen Christi Drama Department Presents...

Cat and Mouse

Performed as a Readers Theater
By Lumen Christi Drama Students

Friday, May 15, 7:00 pm

By Sam Craig
Published by Eldridge Publishing Co.

Cast	
Nora Marsh:	played by Karin Helgesen
Harry Marsh:	played by Garrett Renfro
Sam Coggins:	played by Liam Thomson
Kate Sherwin:	played by Vanessa Goerisch
Ruth Cavell:	played by Lane Crosby
Sheriff McCleary:	played by Joshua Van Tuijl

Our play moved online to a “Reader’s Theater!”



An online Baccalaureate Mass for two!

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“As a teacher my favorite part of the job is my students and the online classroom allows us to keep those connections. They log on for every class just like when the bell rings. We are still Lumen Proud and Lumen Strong!”

Debbie Brewer/Math & Science Dept. Chair

Our wonderful students and great teachers!



We remain “LUMEN strong!”



Tracy Ross’ two yard sales: over \$14K!

Not even a pandemic can stop Archangel Attic volunteers!

Like everywhere on the planet it seems, the COVID-19 pandemic wreaked havoc on Archangel Attic operations, but only for a while. The Attic ceased operations along with the rest of Anchorage from March through the end of June. However, you just can't keep good volunteers down! Under the watchful leadership of Mary Manes and Colleen Larson, the Attic began accepting donations in July and is now open for business on Fridays and Saturdays. Upon reopening, Tracy Ross and company put on a tremendous "yard sale" in the school parking lot, raising over \$8,500 in one weekend!!! **School families: Volunteering at the Archangel Attic is one of the "Big-Five" ways you can help to keep tuition affordable.** Please call the office to volunteer. It's a fun way to earn service hours. Thank you!

"Lighting the Path to the Future" - Investing in the journey of a student

"Lighting the Path to the Future" is an intentional partnership with the Archdiocese of Anchorage and the wider Catholic and civic community to support Catholic and non-Catholic youth who desire the excellent education and moral development offered at Lumen Christi. In its inaugural year in 2017, the Archdiocese, ten parishes, eleven members of the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre, and eight individual donors represented the "inaugural partners" and together broadened the donor base to create a promising and sustainable future for students to attend Lumen Christi. In its second year, Providence Hospital, four Knights of Columbus Councils, one additional individual donor, and the Filipino and Samoan communities of Saint Benedict Parish joined the 20 "first responders." An intentional portion of these funds are designated to assure financial scholarships for families who could not otherwise afford a Catholic education. Please contact Fr. Tom Lilly at (907) 317-9042 if you would like to receive additional information on how you or your business can invest in the life of a young person. We express our sincere gratitude to all who are witnessing and walking with us, "Lighting The Path" for our students at Lumen Christi Catholic School! **Thank you!**

- Supporters of "Lighting the Path to the Future" as of September, 2020 -

\$80,000

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Parishes (\$26,000)

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Holy Family Cathedral, Anchorage
Our Lady of Guadalupe Co-Cathedral
Sacred Heart, Wasilla
Saint Andrew, Eagle River
Saint Benedict, Anchorage
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Anchorage
Saint Patrick, Anchorage
Saint Francis Xavier, Valdez

Knights and Ladies (Total of \$26,000)

Deacon Kurt and Joan Adler
Carol Carlson
Mike Hawker
Matt and Stacey Heilala
Deacon Mark and Jeanie Merrill
Chad and Edna Resari
Dave and Elizabeth Roberts
Grant and Cheryl Roderer
Wayne and Ginny Ross
Kay Stevens (RIP)
Peggy Witzleben

Knights of Columbus (Total of \$7,000)

Saint Paul Miki (Council #10798)
Our Lady of the Snows (Council #4859)
Saint Benedict (Council #12290)
San Juan Diego (Council #12492)
John A. Forsting (Council #9830)

\$7,200

Saint Christopher by the Sea, Unalaska

\$2,000

Fr. Richard Tero

\$5,000: Wayne and Barbara Pichon

Alumni Snapshot...

Attention all Lumen Alumni: We want to print your stories in this Annual Report each year. Let us know what you are up to these days! Contact Nikelle (Kruger) Sherman through the school office. Please stay in touch!



Tui Marie (Bombeck) Curiel (2003)

Following graduation from Lumen Christi, the University of Dallas, and George Mason University Law School, Tui worked for Senator Ted Stevens and now practices law in the Washington DC area. On reflecting on her education at Lumen Tui writes, *"I am truly thankful for Lumen Christi High School for providing the academic rigor and intellectual depth I rely upon in my daily work as an attorney. The Lumen soccer team was a superb experience that prepared me for the strategic game of college soccer. The friendships of those formative years, strengthened by the precepts of Christianity, provided a roadmap that has carried us into our adult lives. The love and dedication that built this school showed me that our Catholic Faith is the most powerful force in the world."* Tui and Eric have three wonderful children!

LUMEN-ary Drive Donors

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(*) Denotes faculty /administration

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We apologize if we have inadvertently omitted your name. Please call 245-9231 and we will include your name on our next acknowledgment. Thank you!

"Pick - Click - Give"

Thank you to the following individuals who supported Lumen Christi through the PFD's "Pick-Click-Give." We appreciate your kindness!

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Our 25th Anniversary Gala and Auction Celebration!

On February 8, 2020, the gymnasium of Lumen Christi was magically transformed into our 25th Anniversary Gala & Auction- "Under the Stars". This year marked 25 years of attendees coming together for an entertaining and elegant evening to support our wonderful school! Guests mingled and enjoyed themselves under the sparkling lights of the stars above. Lumen Christi's generous community supporters donated hundreds of items for our auction; attendees placed bids on silent auction items, raised their paddles in the live auction and enthusiastically dashed for their desserts! Our delightful and talented students helped in many ways at the event and provided hand crafted items available to be bid on. The Gala is the main event our school hosts every year, and we couldn't do it without all our dedicated volunteers. Lumen Christi and St. Benedict parishioners work harmoniously together to make all aspects of the night possible. Each year the proceeds from the Gala go towards the school's general operating budget, keeping the cost of tuition more affordable for families. This year the Gala earnings offset the cost of tuition by approximately \$1,100 per student! On top of that we raised a record amount of money for our Scholarship Program, and supported our Fund-a-Project which paid for a refreshing new look to our gym benefitting the many events that take place in our gymnasium each year. This next year may look a little different as we prepare for our 26th Annual Gala & Auction amid the issues we are facing with COVID-19. At this time, we are still anticipating our fundraiser to take place on February 6, 2021 in the best format to support the situation our community is in at the time. Please look for announcements on our school website and Facebook page as we get closer to the event. If you have any questions or would like to help support the event, contact the Gala Team at 907-273-1530 or gala@lumenchristiak.com. Thank you for your wonderful support!

The Pat Vollendorf Scholarship: The Legacy of a Committed Teacher!

Patricia Vollendorf: April 13, 1939 - February 24, 2020



Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Pat moved to Alaska in 1963, where she met her husband, Bill. Together they worked as educators for a combined total of over 60 years, primarily at Turnagain and Tudor Elementary Schools. Pat's life revolved around her students, family, and friends. She was dearly loved by generations of students and the "early crew" of teachers who ventured north to teach in Alaska...and never left! Tributes shared at her funeral included:

"Pat was an amazing lady and she had such a zest for life."

"She was always a joyful person who loved her students and her family."

"She was my mentor when we taught Kindergarten at Government Hill. Oh, my, she taught me a lot!"

Upon Pat's death her husband, Bill, established the "Pat Vollendorf Memorial Scholarship" at Lumen Christi High School so that Pat's love for kids and education would live on.

The Lumen Christi community is honored by Pat and Bill's enduring legacy and gratefully thanks the following donors:

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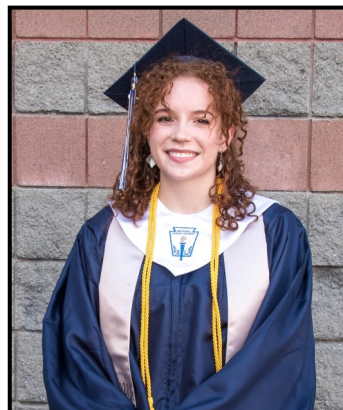
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