Message from the President

Dear Friends:

The significance of a Catholic education has never been more apparent than our current time. Challenges and temptations of a fast-paced world focus on individual needs with little emphasis on the importance of cultivating healthy relationships, let alone building a personal relationship with the God who made us and walks with us on a daily basis. I want to take this time to thank you for supporting our mission at Lourdes Academy—one that continues to prepare students for the future.

Your generous support has a daily impact in growing our Catholic identity, contributing to academic excellence, exploring creative ways to foster enrollment, and expanding our influence into our local parishes and the larger community.

We’ve received national accolades for our STEM program, earned our fifth WIAA Scholar-Athlete recognition in seven years, and conducted service projects to benefit the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, Fr. Carr’s Place 2B and other organizations.

These opportunities are producing rich fruit that will certainly provide a positive impact in our Catholic parishes, the city and the world as we move into the future. This work would not be possible without your support. I ask for your continued prayers as we strive daily to make our system a significant player in meeting the educational needs of children in Oshkosh and the surrounding region.

Grace and Peace,

John Dinegan
President

Academics & Athletics Unite

Lourdes Academy has had 5 WIAA Scholar-Athletes in the past 7 years—more than any other school in the state during that time period.

On the Cover: Lourdes Academy High School students, Hayden Jones ('19), Tyler Johnsen ('20) and Henry Noone ('19), conduct water testing on the Fox River as part of the UW Green Bay Lower Fox River Monitoring Project.

Left: Lourdes Academy Lady Knight Alexis Rolph earned the prestigious 2019 WIAA Scholar-Athlete Award, the fifth time a Lourdes student won the award in the past seven years.
A Million Thanks!

Lourdes Academy President John Dinegan (left) recognizes Harold Eichstadt for reaching his $1,000,000 goal for his scholarship fund.

A Living Legacy! In 2001, Harold and Sally Eichstadt started an endowment fund at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation to provide tuition assistance to families at Lourdes Academy. Each year, they added to the fund with the goal of seeing it reach one million dollars. Sally passed away in 2013, but Harold continued to work toward their goal. In June 2019, Harold achieved it...just weeks before his 102nd birthday. “Thanks a Million” Harold for making Catholic education possible for families in our community.
Legacy of giving helps future generations

Mary Buttke first came to Lourdes High School in 1966 but her tenure at Lourdes didn’t end when she crossed the stage at graduation. She has been involved in numerous different ways for more than 50 years as a student, alumnus, parent, grandparent, board member and many other roles in between. Regardless of the role, what matters is the passion she brings to the job.

Among her involvements, Buttke served as a Booster Club officer from 1995-1999 while her son, Dan, was in high school. She joined the Lourdes Foundation Board in 2002 and has served as its president since 2010.

“After Dan graduated, I was looking for a way to get involved,” Buttke said. “I was invited to be on the Foundation Board. Our job was to monitor investments and donations before the funds were moved to the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.”

Since the relocation of the funds, the role of the Foundation Board has changed to become a more active board. The Foundation purchased Lourdes Academy’s Central Business Office and the Unified A+ Storage Units and has managed the properties for the past decade. It also monitors funds raised for endowments, scholarships and the building project and helps set goals for fund growth.

“We work closely with the Board of Trustees and the advancement director to advance planned giving initiatives,” Buttke added. “We have to be good stewards of the money donors have entrusted to us to ensure the successful future of Lourdes Academy.”

Buttke does more than manage funds. She has generously supported Lourdes Academy’s initiatives. She donated a gift of stock to the capital campaign to build a new school and supports Lourdes annually through cash gifts. When Lourdes set a goal to establish a fund to support teacher salaries, Buttke was one of the donors who provided the seed money for the Bill Behring Staff Endowment fund.

“Buttke appreciates the family atmosphere she’s found at Lourdes over the decades and wants to see that continue for future students. She also feels a great sense of pride at the accomplishments of the alumni coming out of Lourdes and how they’ve contributed back to their community.

“I have to believe in and appreciate more with my involvement with Lourdes Academy over the years how critical it is for the Catholic church to have parochial education as an option for educating young people in their faith. It’s an option we should always have, and I don’t want to see it go away.”
Partnership bolsters support

In 2007, Lourdes Academy partnered with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation (OACF) to help manage a group of funds that had been established to support the system. The funds ranged from acorn funds to mature endowment funds that support everything from tuition assistance to facilities improvements and band equipment.

Since 2007, the funds have grown by 215 percent, providing valuable resources that support families in need of tuition assistance, technology and facilities improvements; and dedicated staff to name a few.

In addition to Lourdes Academy’s funds, OACF staff works to promote initiatives and programs at Lourdes to its donors who have an affinity for Catholic education. Karlene Grabner, 1992 Lourdes alumna and di-rector of donor services for OACF, is a liaison between Lourdes Academy and the greater Oshkosh community. Grabner has helped secure funding for books and reading materials, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) programs, career development programs and financial literacy.

Understanding the needs that exist in the community and listening to donors to best understand how they wish to direct their support helps Grabner match donors with projects, including initiatives at Lourdes Academy.

“We are blessed to work with Karlene and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation to establish goals and grow our resources for the future,” said System President John Dinegan.
Families benefit from donors’ planned gift

Supporting the organizations and programs you care about most doesn’t have to end after you’re gone. In fact, your giving can increase and make an even greater impact.

In 2008, John and Valois Williams could have never imagined what their impact on education at Lourdes Academy would be after establishing the John E. And Valois M. Williams Tuition Assistance Fund with a $10,000 gift. After John and Valois passed, the true impact of their gift came to fruition when their sizable bequest was given to Lourdes Academy. With this bequest, the amount of assistance available to families increased exponentially, allowing Lourdes to be more intentional in how it awards tuition assistance.

Although the Williams did not have children of their own, they were strong believers in the benefits of a Catholic education, and wanted to help families attend Catholic schools. The generous gift through their bequest will help ensure high quality, faith-based education is available to all families in the community who desire it regardless of income. Support for tuition assistance is a great need at Lourdes Academy as nearly half of all students receive tuition assistance.

The additional funds helped Lourdes Academy provide five full-tuition scholarships to qualifying freshmen, easing the financial burden for families moving from middle school to high school. The Williams’ fund will also help large families attend Lourdes with a new multi-student discount program.

“Tuition for families with four, five, six or more children can be intimidating, but we never want cost to be the factor that keeps families from attending Lourdes Academy,” said System President John Dinegan. “We support our families who are open to life and desire an educational experience that combines academics and faith formation.”

For John and Valois Williams, their foresight became their legacy—one that will benefit families for generations to come. Their tuition assistance fund opens doors for families to experience an incredible faith-based education that will prepare students for college and beyond.

Staff participated in an Alpha retreat hosted by Most Blessed Sacrament - St. Mary site, including Eucharistic adoration.

Parish Partnerships

St. Raphael the Archangel Parish hosted Lourdes Academy Elementary School’s end-of-year carnival. Students enjoyed snow cones with then associate pastor Fr. Matthew Rappl.

Scholarships & Endowments

Angel Scholarship
Baum/Phair Tuition Assistance Fund
Bill Behring Memorial Scholarship
Bill Behring Staff Endowment Fund
Mary Kay Brownt Scholarship
Joan J. Bunks Tuition Assistance Fund
Father Karl Burek Scholarship
Louis Carpenter Memorial-Bishop Wycislo Scholarship
Catholic Family Life Insurance Scholarship Fund
Catholic Knights Foundation Scholarship
Corky Daniels Memorial Scholarship
Helen M. Deniger Scholarship
John Dewane Scholarship
James and Kenneth Eichstadt Endowment Fund
Patricia Lee Foust Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Louis Graber Memorial Scholarship
John S. Grundman Memorial Scholarship
Haidinger Scholarship
Tom Haidinger Memorial Scholarship
John Kapral Memorial Scholarship
Kemp Family Scholarship
Paul Kircher Memorial Leadership Scholarship
Knights of Columbus, #614 Scholarship
Knights of Columbus, #664 Scholarship
Rich Knobloch “Pibb Sure” Fund
Alyssa Koebli Memorial Scholarship
George & Mary Kremer Foundation Scholarship
Judy Kuble Scholarship
Judy & Tom Kuble Endowment Fund
Grace LaVoy Scholarship
Rocky Leib Memorial Scholarship
Tom & Roma Ligina Family Scholarship
Lourdes Academy Athletic Fund
Lourdes Academy Capital Improvement Endowment Fund
Lourdes Academy Construction Fund
Lourdes Academy Endowment Fund
Lourdes Academy of Oshkosh Education Endowment
Lourdes Foundation Fund
Lourdes High School Endowment
Lourdes Student Aid Fund
Luker Family Fund Tuition Assistance
Marissa Marx Memorial Scholarship

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2018-2019 Donors

Each year, hundreds of alumni, family, and friends throughout the community and country support the mission of Lourdes Academy through their talent and treasure. Their gifts keep the tradition of faith-based education alive in our community. This list includes donors to the Lourdes Fund, special events and projects, and numerous funds held at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and Catholic Foundation of Green Bay.

Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of our listing and to correct any errors brought to our attention. We apologize for any omissions.

Alumni Giving

1960s
Thomas ('64) & Elizabeth Baum Jerome & Margaret ('65) Beck Dean and Clark ('66) Becker Jeffrey & Lenore ('67) Bernardy Daniel ('64) & Lynn Bloeich Gary ('69) & Barbara ('69) Boyce Paulette Cavanaugh ('63) Carol Capesis ('69) John ('69) & Janet Cleaver Jan Collins ('68) Keith Collins ('69) Lyle & Conni ('67) Conrad Dr. James ('66) & Dania Crane J. Philip & Mary ('66) Cundy Thomas and JoAnne ('63) Dolata Dr. Patrick ('69) & Susan Dowling Thomas Dallman ('80) Dr. Martin ('85) & Janet Weisse

1970s
Michael ('76) & Beth Brown Patricia Briney ('70) George ('71) & Patricia ('72) Pamela Bartow ('75) Bruce & Mary ('75) Bartel 1980s
James Griedl ('83) Genthner Michael O'Connor ('83) & Joan

1990s

2000s
Ryan & Mary ('01) Belville Ryan & Amanda ('01) Bergham Daniel ('99) & Chelsea ('00) Butte

2010s

Community Giving

A.L.S. Printing A.O. Smith Foundation, Inc. Accu-Com Kris & Lindsey Achterberg Sam & Elizabeth Adams Amazon Smile Foundation Arco (formerly Ameren Company Foundation) Ascension Mercy Hospital Assurance Title & Abstract Company Foundation Assurance Title & Abstract Company Foundation Aurora Health Care Badger Mining Corporation Badger Mining Corporation Bank First National St. Mary Barbeur Don Battell

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Mission
In partnership with families, parishes and the community, Lourdes Academy provides a family environment in which students can achieve academic excellence, develop strong moral character, live as authentically Catholic disciples, and contribute positively to their communities.

Vision
Inspired by Our Lady of Lourdes and rooted in our Catholic faith, Lourdes Academy forms and challenges students to realize their God-given potential.

Thank You for Your Philanthropy
Lourdes Academy appreciates the generosity of its donors, staff, parents, alumni, volunteers and friends. The 2018-2019 Annual Report recognizes everyone who contributed to Lourdes Academy from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Thank you for your support.

The Advancement office has made every effort to publish accurate contributor information in this report. Please accept our sincere apologies for any spelling errors, omissions, or other inaccuracies. To report an error, please contact Karen Boehm at (920) 426-3626, ext. 546 or email her at kboehm@lourdes.today so we can correct our records.

Planned Giving & Other Opportunities
The estate plans you make now ensure that Lourdes Academy’s mission and traditions are transferred from one generation to the next. Planned giving allows your loyalty and generosity to continue beyond a lifetime. Planned gifts include bequests, charitable annuities, remainder trusts, life insurance policies and securities.

In most cases, planned gifts not only benefit students and children, but can benefit the donor as well. This is because many planned gifts can be structured to allow the donor to retain income from or the use of “gifted” property during his or her lifetime. Planned gifts can also be structured to reduce and, in some cases, eliminate income, capital gains, and estate taxes.

If you are interested in making a planned gift, including Lourdes Academy in your estate plan, or if you would like a list of area attorneys with tax and estate planning expertise, please contact Karen Boehm at (920) 426-3626, ext. 546 or email her at kboehm@lourdes.today.

WAYS TO GIVE
There are many ways to support the mission and vision of Lourdes Academy, including a gift towards the daily operations of the school, as well as Lourdes Academy endowment funds. To learn more about how you can support Lourdes, contact Karen Boehm, Director of Advancement, at (920) 426-3626, ext 546 or kboehm@lourdes.today.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
• Lourdes Fund (Annual Appeal)
  Provides critical dollars toward the day-to-day operations of Lourdes Academy.

• Lourdes Foundation Fund
  Provides funding to support the general operations and long-term growth of the Lourdes Academy system as directed by the Lourdes Academy Foundation.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS
• Bill Behring Staff Endowment Fund
  Supports staff professional development, salaries and stipends.

• Lourdes Academy Endowment Fund
  Provides funding for a variety of needs such as maintenance, curriculum, learning tools, etc.

• St. Clare of Assisi Fund
  Provides tuition assistance to families at all levels.

• Judy & Tom Kuble Fund
  Supports music and the performing arts including workshops, musicals and other programs.

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