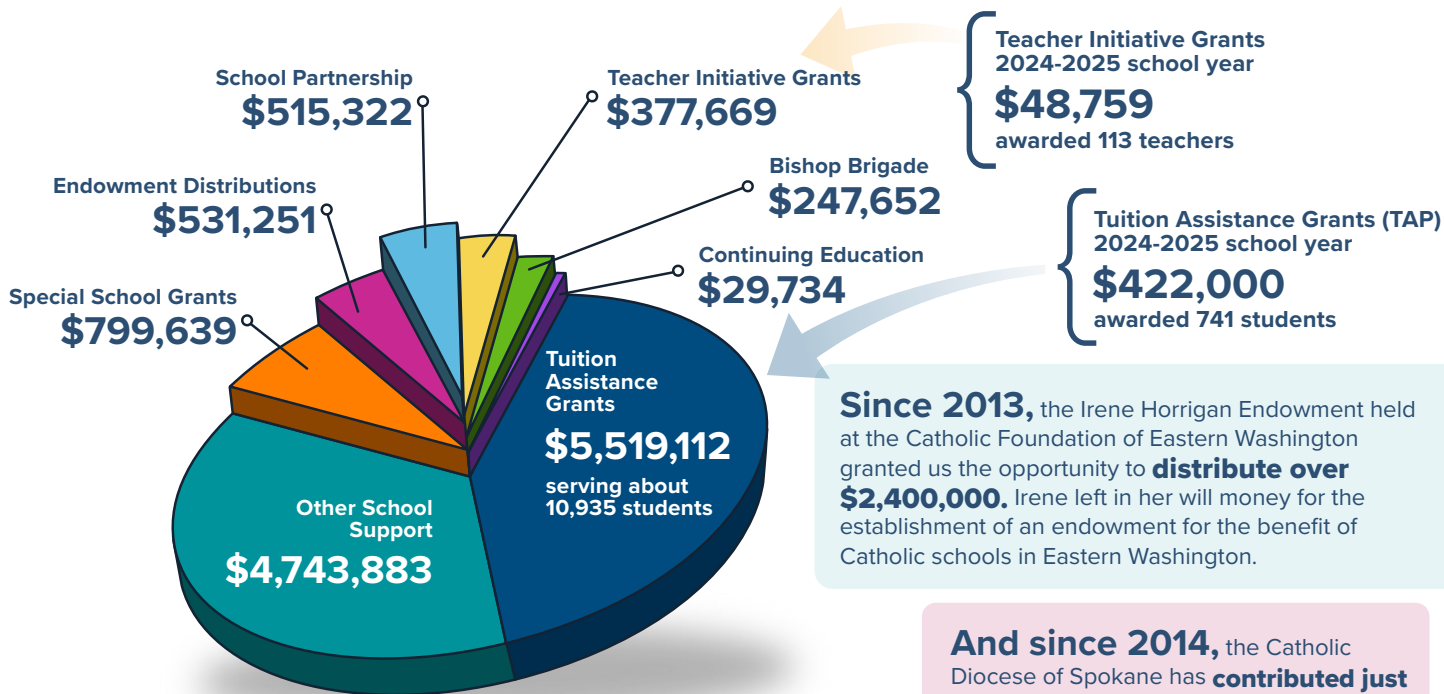


NAZARETH NEWS

SHINING A LIGHT ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION

A Look Back 2012 – Present: **Total Giving \$12,764,262**



Since 2013, the Irene Horrigan Endowment held at the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Washington granted us the opportunity to **distribute over \$2,400,000**. Irene left in her will money for the establishment of an endowment for the benefit of Catholic schools in Eastern Washington.

And since 2014, the Catholic Diocese of Spokane has **contributed just over \$1,100,000** from endowments that benefit Catholic Education.

Message from Jane Ewers, Chair – Board of Directors

Easter Greetings!

I am grateful to be a part of Nazareth Guild! A little about me...I grew up in Catholic education. My parents ensured their 12 children attended Catholic school from first grade through college. I am an alum of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Grade School, Gonzaga Prep, Gonzaga University and Gonzaga Law School. My husband, Jim, is also a Gonzaga Prep grad who attended St. Mary's in the Spokane Valley. Our children, Erin and Alex, are graduates of St. Aloysius and Gonzaga Prep and are currently working on their college degrees.

A faith-based education focused on excellence and development of the whole person has been integral to our family.

I have been involved with Nazareth Guild since its inception, initially as a liaison while on the Board of the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Washington and

later as a Nazareth Guild Board member. Together, these two entities have provided much-needed financial support to our parochial schools and high schools in the Diocese.

I am humbled to sit as the Chair of the Nazareth Guild. I am preceded by incredible leadership of prior Chairs – Hank Worden, Carmella Garabedian, Tim Welsh, Don Herak - and will serve a Board of Directors that includes many founding as well as recently added members devoted to pursuing excellence and access to our schools through financial support. Bishop Daly and the current and past Board members have set a high standard.

As we embrace all that Nazareth Guild has accomplished in providing \$12,764,262 in financial support for tuition assistance, facilities maintenance, and improvements through the Bishop's

Brigade and Teacher Initiative and Partnership Grants, we are looking to grow the financial impact we can have on our school community. Our mission is complimentary to and supports Bishop Daly's dedication to the Diocesan schools. Our work will never be done – Nazareth Guild will continue to enrich our teachers and support school administration, enhance our students' education now and foster increases in student enrollment, and sustain and improve our school facilities. This is a heavy lift and vital to the coming generations – and we need your support.

Thank you to the Board and Bishop Daly for this opportunity to serve and give back to this educational community.

Jane Ewers
Board Chair, Nazareth Guild

Message from the Executive Director

Spring is in the air—and with it a renewed sense of energy and purpose within our Catholic schools and among the Nazareth Guild community!



This season has already brought exciting momentum. From vibrant classrooms to joyful liturgies, our schools are filled with students growing in faith, knowledge, and love. It's truly inspiring to witness the powerful impact of your generosity.

We are also thrilled to introduce our Ladies' Lunch & Learn series—a three-part gathering designed to empower women with tools for financial responsibility and future planning. These sessions are not only informative, but also a way to connect women who are

invested in the future of our community. We are grateful to all the women who attended our first event of the series, and we look forward to welcoming more into this growing community of purpose-driven generosity. Stay tuned for information on the upcoming session this summer.

Looking ahead, we invite you to stay engaged. Your involvement matters, whether it is through supporting a student scholarship, attending our (upcoming) events, or praying for our schools. Together, we are shaping lives and strengthening Catholic education for future generations.

With gratitude and hope,

Debbie Battaglia
Executive Director, Nazareth Guild

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Ladies Luncheon & Learn

An Evening of Gratitude

We recently gathered at the home of **John and Nada Stockton** for a special evening to thank our corporate sponsors and benefactors. It was a beautiful night of connection, during which we welcomed a new board member, shared our mission, and expressed our heartfelt appreciation.

We were especially grateful to the **St Aloysius student volunteers** who greeted guests with warm smiles and to our generous hosts, John and Nada, for opening their home.

At Nazareth Guild, **every gift matters**, and we are deeply grateful for all who support our schools in big and small ways.



Education Certificate Launches for Catholic School Teachers

The Diocesan Office of Education, in partnership with Gonzaga University and Nazareth Guild, is proud to announce a new professional development opportunity for Catholic school educators: the Gonzaga University Certificate in Inclusive Learning. This innovative four-month training program is designed to equip teachers across the diocese with the tools and knowledge they need to support students with learning challenges.

Catholic educators are called to serve every child, recognizing the dignity and potential in each student. Yet many of our schools lack the training and resources needed to fully embrace students with unique needs. This new initiative responds directly to that need by empowering teachers with practical strategies and methods that can be applied in any classroom.

This is the first in a three-part series of education courses. Over time, feedback from participating schools will help identify additional areas of need, allowing Gonzaga and the Office of Education to develop customized training tailored to the specific challenges our teachers and students face.

The course will meet once a month, either in person at Gonzaga or virtually for educators in the outlying communities. Upon successful completion, participants will earn valuable clock hours, helping retain high-quality educators within our Catholic schools and fostering a culture of in-house support among teaching staff.

This certificate represents more than just a class—it's a movement toward ensuring that every child who walks through the doors of a Catholic school is seen, supported, and celebrated.

We are currently seeking additional donors who are passionate about continuing education for teachers and would like to support this important initiative.

To learn more, please contact Debbie at Nazareth Guild.

Catholic education shapes well-rounded, service-oriented students ready to lead with faith and purpose. Thank you for investing in their future!

Did You Know?



Each year during Catholic Schools Week, Bishop Daly leads a special appeal to support a key need in our elementary schools. This year's focus was on tuition assistance.

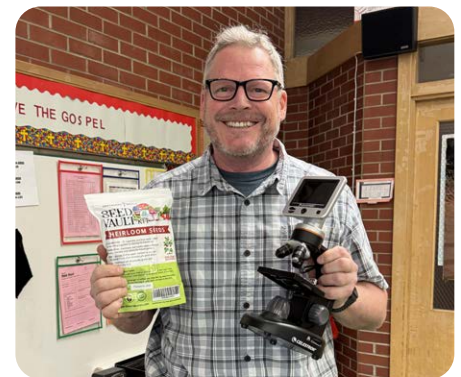
While Nazareth Guild also provides tuition help, this diocesan-wide effort ensures all primary schools benefit—and gives our wider Catholic Parish community a way to show their support.

Empowering Educators Through Teacher Initiative Grants

This year, the Nazareth Guild proudly awarded 113 Teacher Initiative Grants totaling \$48,759 to dedicated educators across our Catholic schools. These grants, up to \$500 each, enable teachers to enhance their classrooms and enrich student learning experiences.

The funded projects span a diverse range, including:

- Books for classroom libraries
- Religious Education Materials
- Musical Instruments
- PE Equipment
- Science Lab Equipment
- Art Supplies



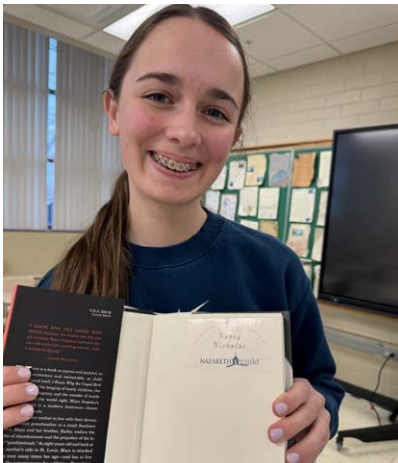
*Sean Bailey - All Saints Catholic School
6th - 8th Grade Teacher*

These resources directly contribute to creating dynamic and engaging learning environments for our students.

To view the complete list of grant recipients and see if your child's teacher was awarded, please visit our website: www.nazarethguild.org/educational-development-grants/

Our Mission

The Nazareth Guild empowers and serves Catholic K-12 schools in the Diocese of Spokane towards their continued efforts to achieve excellence and self-sustainability by providing tuition assistance to students with financial need, grants for special school programs and improvements, and ongoing organizational support.



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October 18, 2025 at 5:30PM
The Hemmingson Center
on the Gonzaga Campus

Join us to support and strengthen Catholic
schools throughout Eastern Washington

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nazarethguild.org/celebration-of-light

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