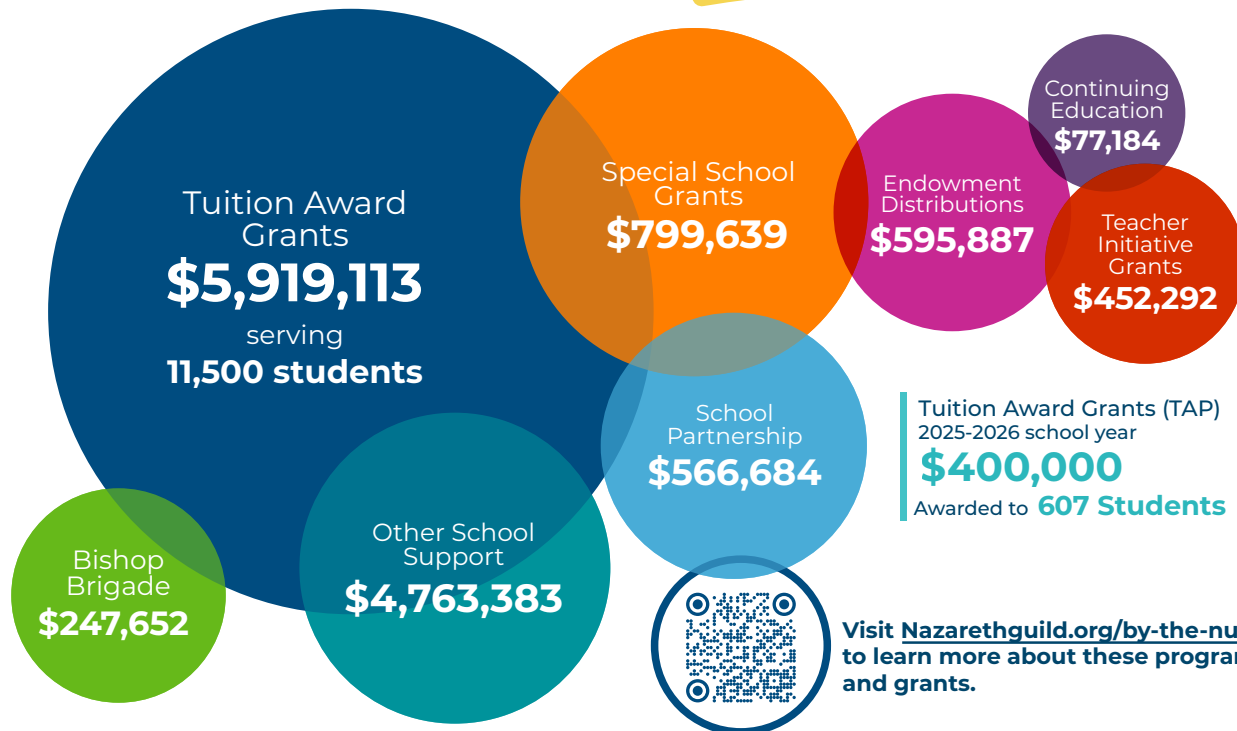


NAZARETH NEWS

SHINING A LIGHT ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION

A Look Back 2012 – Present: **Total Giving \$13,421,834**



Since 2013, the Irene Horrigan Endowment held at the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Washington granted us the opportunity to **distribute over \$2,600,000**. 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 \$1,200,000** from endowments that benefit Catholic Education.

Investing in Catholic Schools Throughout Eastern Washington

I write this on the Feast Day of Jesus' Ascension, the completion of His earthly work and the promise of the Holy Spirit sent to us. God's salvation is still unfolding, and we are witnessing a resurgence of young adults returning to the faith. The Holy Spirit is at work in the world.

This newsletter offers a glimpse of the energy, growth, and success behind Nazareth Guild as we continue our mission of financially supporting our Catholic schools. Nazareth Guild is about excellence in education, supporting dedicated teachers and administrators, improving school

facilities, and most importantly, fostering the intellectual, emotional, moral, and spiritual growth of children and young adults.

Through your generosity, our schools can provide a wholistic Catholic education that opens students' hearts to the Holy Spirit and forms leaders modeled after Christ. Whether a student attends for one year or from K-12, we hope they experience faith, excellence, and love so they may go out into the world and inspire others.

Thank you for supporting our schools through Nazareth Guild. Your generosity is vital to delivering Catholic education to

the next generation. We invite you to join us at our annual Gala this fall and throughout the year in supporting our Catholic school community.

We pray for our 2026 graduates as they begin their next chapter, that with the flame of the Holy Spirit in their hearts, they may go out and set the world on fire.

Jane Ewers
Board Chair, Nazareth Guild

Message from the Executive Director

As we move through this year, I am continually inspired by the faith and generosity of our Catholic school community.



Each season reflects the impact we make together, supporting our teachers through grants in January, strengthening our schools with partnership grants in April, and providing tuition awards in honor of families in June.

And already, excitement is building for our Gala, Saturday, October 17th, 2026, a celebration of the life-changing impact of Catholic education and the community that makes it possible.

Because of you, students are learning, teachers are thriving, and families are supported every day.

I invite you to continue this mission with us, whether by attending the Gala, making a gift, becoming a volunteer, or keeping our schools in your prayers. Together, we are shaping the future of Catholic education.

Peace and gratitude to you for sharing your compassion with our Catholic schools,

Debbie Battaglia
Executive Director, Nazareth Guild

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An Evening of Gratitude and Impact

In a beautiful celebration of generosity and community, we gathered at the home of John and Nada Stockton to recognize and thank our top supporters of the 2025 Gala. Guests were warmly welcomed by Cataldo Catholic School students, whose joy and gratitude served as a powerful reminder of the lives being changed through the generosity of our community.

The evening was also an opportunity to honor three outgoing Nazareth Guild board members whose leadership and dedication have helped shape our mission. Dan Murphy, a founding board member, has faithfully served since the very beginning, helping build the foundation of support that continues to bless our schools today. Dave McGann shared more than a decade of thoughtful leadership and unwavering commitment to Catholic education. Ashley Thorne, our Treasurer, brought wisdom, care, and steady guidance that helped keep our organization strong and focused. We



also recognize Angie Krauss, principal liaison, for her dedicated two years of service. Angie's voice and perspective have been a tremendous asset to our mission. We are deeply grateful for their generosity of time, talent, and heart.

We were also pleased to welcome Shawna Miller to the Nazareth Guild board as our new treasurer. Her expertise, leadership, and guidance will help us continue growing our mission.

Sincere thanks to John and Nada Stockton for their gracious hospitality.



Investing in Those Who Give So Much: Teacher Grants

Each day, our Catholic school teachers go far beyond the curriculum, they form hearts, inspire minds, and live out their vocation with dedication and faith. Through our Teacher Grant program, we are honored to support them as they continue to grow, learn, and bring new ideas into their classrooms.

These grants provide innovative classroom resources and creative teaching initiatives, all of which directly benefit the students they serve. The impact is immediate and meaningful, enriching both teaching and learning across our schools.

Because of your generosity, we can say “yes” to our teachers, affirming their commitment and investing in the future of the children they teach. The smiles, moments of discovery, and daily encouragement happening in classrooms are a direct reflection of your support.

Teacher Initiative Grants
2025-2026 school year

\$74,563
Awarded to
167 Teachers



“The novels are creating a positive atmosphere where collaborative learning thrives. The student discussions strengthen both their literacy skills and growing in confidence, empathy, and teamwork. I am truly grateful for the opportunity you have given us to feel excited about reading time”

– Jennifer Wood
5th grade teacher at Assumption in Walla Walla



It's never too late to give!

Enclosed is a donation envelope. Your continued support helps us shine the light of Christ in every classroom.

Visit NazarethGuild.org/donate



Strengthening Our Schools: Partnership Grants in Action

This spring, Nazareth Guild awarded \$25,362 in School Partnership Grants to eight Catholic schools, meeting immediate needs that directly impact students, teachers, and school communities.

Because of your support, these grants allow each school to address its most pressing priorities in ways that are both practical and transformative.

Several schools are expanding their use of the FACTS Student Information System, strengthening communication, improving efficiency, and enhancing collaboration with families. By purchasing

together, they were able to secure discounted pricing, maximizing every dollar.

Your generosity also supported critical campus safety improvements, helping create more secure environments for students and staff.

In the classroom, updated maps and globes are enriching learning for K–8 students, while another school was able to replace an outdated playground, providing a safe space for children to play and grow.

Every grant is a direct reflection of your impact, meeting real needs and strengthening our schools today and for the future.

“These funds will make a big difference as we continue strengthening security on our campus! Please extend our thanks to the entire committee for their generosity and for all you do to support our school community!”

–Ciara Vanderboom
Director of Marketing & Communications
St. Patrick Catholic School, Pasco

A Legacy of Faith and Generosity: The Barrett Family Gift

We are deeply honored and profoundly grateful to share that the Nazareth Guild has received a generous estate gift from Dick and Pam Barrett.

The Barretts believed deeply in the mission of Catholic education and valued the work Nazareth Guild does to help students and families through our Tuition Award Program. They saw how this support eased financial burdens and created opportunities for families who otherwise may not have had access to a Catholic education. They believed every child deserves the opportunity to attend, regardless of financial circumstance.

This extraordinary act of faith and generosity reflects a lifelong commitment to Catholic education and a belief in its power to shape lives for generations to come. Legacy gifts like this are more than financial contributions, they are enduring expressions of values, faith, and hope for the future.

The Barretts' gift comes at a meaningful time for our organization as we continue to expand support for students, families, teachers, and schools. While we are still thoughtfully discerning how best to steward this gift, one thing is certain: its impact will be lasting.

Gifts such as this allow us to invest in long-term sustainability, ensuring that Catholic education remains accessible, excellent, and rooted in faith for years to come.

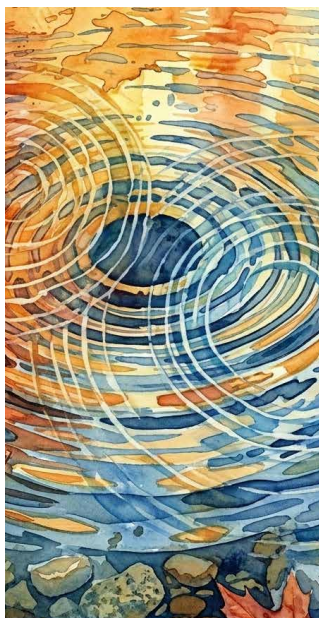
We are inspired by the Barretts' example and deeply grateful for the trust placed in our mission. Their legacy will live on in the lives of the students and educators who will benefit from their generosity.

For those who have ever considered how they might make a lasting impact, we invite you to reflect on the role your own legacy could play in supporting Catholic education. Planned gifts



through a will, trust, or other estate plans offer a meaningful way to align your values with the future you hope to help build.

To learn more about planned gifts, contact Debbie Battaglia at 509-744-3259 or email debbie@nazarethguild.org.



CELEBRATION OF LIGHT

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

Join us to support and strengthen Catholic schools throughout Eastern Washington

October 17, 2026 at 5:30PM

The Hemmingson Center on the Gonzaga Campus



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Or visit us at nazarethguild.org/celebration-of-light